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Cup victory over West Germany in 1966, seemed to bring the country to a stand-still as an estimated 26 million television viewers watched the game at home or in pubs which had laid on a celebratory evening. The match is expected to

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have been a record for any sports event televised in Britain, breaking the previous highest figure of 25.2 million, when England met West Germany in the World Cup semi-final in Turin in 1990, when England lost on a penalty shoot-out.

Viewers included the Prime Minister --- who was hoping for a "thumping England win" — and Prince William — all boys at Eton were given special permission to watch ast night. Engineers at the

National Grid in Wokingham context of the sharply-edged also watched to adjust the matches between the two electricity supply to cope with countries England had got exactly the the sudden surges. Among the celebrities who

start they wanted: a goal after only three minutes. Alan arrived at Wernbley through Shearer headed home his fifth the North London traffic jams, goal of the tournament after were Pele and Henry Kissin-Tony Adams had flicked a ger, the former US Secretary Paul Gascoigne corner into of State. Both had bodyguards the goalmouth. However, the to escort them to their seats. The vibrant 76,000-strong Germans, who were without their first-choice strikers crowd was rewarded with a Jurgen Klinsmann and Fredi evenly-balanced game, which Bobic through injury, equalwas perfectly in the historical

ised after 16 minutes when Stefan Kuntz outsprinted Stuart Pearce to convert a curling cross from defender Thomas

ten arrests, none of them for Heimer. England dominated the violence. However, the Euro pace of the game and came desperately close to scoring several times in extra time. particularly when Darren Anderton hit the post. Despite the dervour of the occasion, there were no early

96 Intelligenge Unit also reports of trouble between

arrested a German tout as he was preparing to resell 300 seats in his London hotel. Tours were asking up to E300 for a ESO seat before the game. The Czech Republic upset France in the other semi-final,

Journalist killed in

'revenge' shooting

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

The Czechs had not been expected to beat the French, let alone to reach the final. They had been 80-1 outsiders to win the championship earlier this month and now face the pre-

life and personal finance.

in 1994, she wrote about a

leg by a masked intruder who

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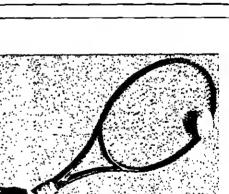
south Dublin figure called The

Walrus who is one of the top

five drug dealers in the

England players and supporters celebrating after Alan Shearer (arms raised) headed the first goal last night to consolidate his position as the tournament's top scorer 43.877 spectators at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon. France, winners of the tournament in 1984 and unbeaten in their previous 27 internationals, lost on a penalty shoot-out after the two teams had drawn

0-0 after extra time. tournament favourites.



packs at 5.30 and went straight to the nearest pub.

Gavin Race, a 25-year-old banker, said, Most of the

managers left for "meetings" at 4 o'clock to check out France v Czechoslovakia. The under-

lings had to stay behind but

we were out on the dot at 5.30."

trade, offering half time snacks bookable before the

match. At Wimbledon; fans left the

championships when rain stopped play for half an hour

at 6pm and never returned. Screens at the All England

Club relayed tennis matches

and results as usual, while

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to mention the football score.

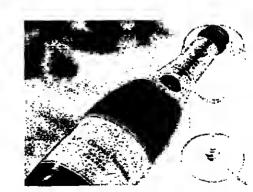
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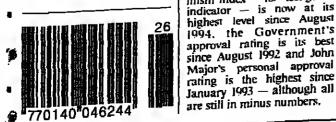
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hits three-year peak By PETER RIDDELL ENGLAND'S Euro 96 victory over Spain last Saturday was followed by a sharp rise in support for the Conservatives to the highest level for three years, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll, undertaken over last weekend, puts the Tories



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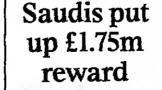
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on 31 per cent, up four points on last month. Labour has Q How would you vote if there were a general slipped two points to 52 per election tomorrow? cent, with the Liberal Democrats dropping three to 12 per cent. However, MORI's breakdown of the figures Labour shows that Tory support was 29 per cent on Friday and Saturday, rising to 33 per cent after the quarter-final.

Support for the Tories

The Labour lead over the Tories has now narrowed from 27 to 21 points, its lowest level since Tony Blair was elected Labour leader, although Mr Blair's personal rating has not declined. The MORI economic opti-

ine MORI economic opt-mism index — its "feel-good" indicator — is now at its highest level since August 1994, the Government's approval rating is its best since August 1992 and John Mainer partnerst MORI interviewed 1,846 adults at 144 word sampling points on June 21 to 24. Voting intention figures exclude 10% who say they would not wote. 7% who are undecided and 3% who refused to say. Major's personal approval rating is the highest since



rival supporters, who had

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

SAUDI ARABIA yesterday offered an unprecedented reward of \$2.7 million (£1.75 million) for information leading to the capture of the terrorists responsible for Tuesday night's truck bomb, which killed at least 19 American servicemen and injured hundreds more. Middle East diplomats said it was the largest reward ever put up in an attempt to solve a terrorist attack. Although there was no immediate claim of responsibility, the perpetrators are thought to have been Islamic fundamentalists opposed to western influence in the kingdom. President Weizman of Israel claimed that Iran was involved.

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AN IRISH woman journalist investigating drug barons and the Dublin underworld was shot dead yesterday in a gangland-style killing. It is believed that Veronica Guerin, 33, an award-winning

clashed so often when the tournament was held in

Germany in 1988. The Metro-

politan Police reported only

which was played in front of

criminals she had written about. Ms Guerin, who was married with a six-year-old son, was returning from a court case at lunchtime yesterday. As she stopped at traffic lights on the the outskirts of Dublin two men on a motorbike with false plates pulled up beside her. The pillion passenger got off the bike and shot at her

said.

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Dublin criminals involved in drugs and major theft. She described their work, family man named The Monk and his involvement in a £3 mil-

lion robbery, the largest in the Irish Republic. Shortly after reporter with the Sunday In-dependent, was killed by the article she was shot in the

country. Aengus Fanning, the editor of the Sunday Independent, said Ms Guerin had refused

24-hour police protection after the 1995 shooting. "She insisted on her freedom to do her job. Armed only with her pen, that is what she set out to do," Mr Fanning

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involvement. They were yes terday searching for a south Dublin gang. Mastof her work focused on

through the driver's window. She died almost immediately. Police said she was murdered by professionals but ruled out any paramilitary

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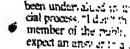
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Bickering brothers in arms stage nightmarish preview of devolution SNP behaviour was be banned from Scottish business. For this sketchwriter the

the parliamentary A the par name eat, if or when a Labour Government tries to bring in Scottish devolution, occurred yesterday afternoon at the Commons.

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It was 3.30. On a Point of Order Michael Martin (Lab. Springburn) raised a complaint about a fellow Scot, Alex Salmond (SNP, Banff & Buchan) and two members of the Scottish National Party, which Salmond leads. The nationalist trio had apparently turned up for a meeting of a er of the Scottish National

nightmare preview of Scottish Standing Committee the parliamentary on a Scottish Education bill and, though they were not members of it, refused to leave. Tony Newton, Leader of the

House, moved a motion empowering the chairman of the committee to remove such people and a short debate followed in which embarrassed and angry Scots Labour MPs ganged up with government MPs to squash the SNP. easily winning the vote which followed. But Alex Salmond, the lead-

Salmond, "that people who

Party, who started by imply-ing that as a Scot he took no interest in the England-Germany semi-final, made an impassioned and part-convincing speech.

The point he and fellowprotesters were making was a simple one, he said: several MPs for English constituencies sat on the Scottish Standing Committee. yet the legislation it was examining related only to Scotland. Why should English MPs be deciding Scottish matters? "ft's an affront." said



are not qualified to de should be allowed to de and decide." Why involve. lish MPs in "specifically Sco tish matters"

Because it's our money!" shouted Peter Luff (C, Worcester), referring to the subsidy which English MPs insist that Scotland as a whole enjoys from the Treasury.

Throughout what followed,

would-be purchasers, the title

was offered by Earl Spencer,

brother of the Princess of

Wales, to belp pay for essen-tial repairs at the family seat

of Altborn, Northampton-

The price - £171,000 before

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than three times its pre-sale

estimate - far exceeds the previous record of £110,000

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o so ebate Eng-	Scots MPs sniped at each other in an often personal way. George Foulkes [Lab. Carrier Currow & Doon	the t	

Valley] accused SNP members of failing to pull their weight on committees, while Salmond insisted that he did volunteer. Salmond insisted that his party's logic was consistent:

their MPs never voted on specifically English matters, he said: "We don't interfere in English business." There foled an ill-tempered dispute why, in that case, the SNP voted on English nursery ool provision

And the debate splutd angrily on. For much of time it took the aspect of an ernal dispute between Scots, with English MPs looking on with ill-concealed amusement, intervening mischievously to stir things up. Labour's front bench appeared dismayed and irritated. Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the House, said that

"juvenile"

But nobody challenged Salmond's twice-made assertion that the participation of English MPs in Scottish affairs was "a running sore". Rightly or wrongly, it has been. And nobody challenged the logic of Salmond's conjunction that if English MPs were to be banned from Scot-

tish business. then Scots MPs should keep out of English business. Under the Opposition's plans for a devolved Scottish Parliament, English MPs wilf

Portillo

conjunction hung in the air .: Half way through the debate, Labour's Tam Dalyell, previously MP for West Lothian; (now for Linlithgow) drifted. in, sat down, and watched silently. Like Banquo's ghost Dalyell, whose West Lothian Question" - Salmond's con-

second half of Mr Salmond's

junction - helped to wreck the last Labour Government's devolution plans, haunted us: a baleful portent of things to come.

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Labour softens tax powers of Scots' national assembly

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will pledge today to let the people of Scotland decide if they want their own parliament and whether it should have tax-raising powers. In a policy shift, George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, will announce that the party will hold referendum in the first months of a Labour government.

But, in a bid to defuse the Tory campaign against Labour's "Tartan tax", the referendum will also seek a mandate for any tax-raising powers. It will pose two questions: "Do you want to have a Scottish Parliament?" and "Do you think it should have

tax-raising powers?" The plan was attacked by Labour MPs, who elaimed that they had not been consulted about a scheme which "flew in the face of existing policy". John Major revised a speech

on the constitution last night to accuse Labour of "retreating and dodging" the argument. "The Opposition wriggle and turn to try to avoid answering the questions that expose the folly of their plans," he said.

Tony Blair hopes to wrongfoot Mr Major by getting the biggest possible publie backing for a Scottish Parliament and making it more difficult for a future government to reverse the plans. He is confident that the

Scots will overwhelmingly support devolution. But the decision to let the Scots decide if their parliament should have the power to raise or cut taxes by 3p which is current Labour policy - is a significant softening of the party's position.

Over the past six months a committee of senior frontbenchers. including Mr Rob-ertson, and Donald Dewar, the Shadow Chief Whip, has been mulling over the best way of watering down a longstanding, but potentially damaging. policy. Mr Dewar confirmed last night that the vote would be for Scots only and would be won or lost on a simple majority. The Labour leadership has

recently made clear that taxraising powers would not be used in the first parliament. But Mr Blair is determined to stop the Tories exploiting the issue by insisting that the parliament would have no taxraising powers if the Scottish

people decided against it. He is expected to allay any fears that Labour intends to break up the United Kingdom when he speaks in Edinburgh on Friday. He will also confirm that the party plans a referendum on a Welsh

assembly. Last night Scottish Labour MPs demanded a meeting with Mr Robertson so that he would explain the new policy,

which had not been discussed by the Shadow Cabinet. George Galloway, Labour MP for Hillhead, said. "I'm very angry about it, in common with a very large number of my colleagues. There has been no consultation about it. It flies utterly in the face of our

existing policy." Many MPs feared that the new proposal was a signal that Mr Blair intended to delay or ditch the plans altogether. But Mr Robertson insisted: There will be no slippage. There will be no delay. There will be no obstructionism and there will be no alteration to the firm commitment to delivering the legislation on a Scottish Parliament in the first year of a

Labour government, "We want to make sure that the Scottish parliament we create is going to be secure, will have a long life and will be safe from the predatory instincts of some right-wing Tory who might come in."

bidding between two tele-The Liberal Democrats yesphone hopefuls in the suitably terday appeared to back away manorial setting of Stationers' from their opposition to a referendum on devolution. Hall, a City livery company. While both Paddy Ashdown, the leader, and Jim Wallace, Robert Smith, the auctioneer, played to the packed house by the party's Scottish spokeswearing a wing collar. man, emphasised that they Bidding, which was befavoured securing popular consent through a general election, they refused to say

tween two agents, opened at £25,000, and climbed sometimes in £100 steps and somewhether or not they would support Labour's move. agent in the brown suit on the



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dates from the Domesday Book of 1086. It was seized by Henry VIII at the Dissolution of the Monasteries, sold to a director of the South Sea Company in the 18th century, times in thousands. until the and, when that bubble burst,

was bought by Sarah Chur-

Competition under fire to rebuild over sale bombed citv of service Ideas for rebuilding Manchester city centre are to be quarters thrown open to an international competition, Michael Heseltine said yesterday. The Deputy Prime Minister, on a BY MICHAEL EVANS AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY visit to see the extent of the damage, said the IRA bomb had produced a "perhaps unique" chance to build a city

MICHAEL PORTILLO was facing one of his loughest challenges since becoming De-fence Secretary as he tried to persuade sceptical Tory backbenchers yesterday to support his plan to sell 60,000 service married quarters.

He summoned a hastily arranged press conference at the Ministry of Defence to explain why he was determined to continue with the sale, despite more than 60 Tory MPs signing a Commons motion demanding further consultation with service families and final approval from both Houses.

With four bids already in from interested consortiums and the decision on the winning bid due to be announced in the first week of August, Mr Portillo made it clear that he could not afford any further delays. He conceded that a small number of MPs had reservations". deep but claimed that most of the 65 who signed a critical Commons motion had done so because they needed further

However, fellow ministers conceded that he might have to water down the proposals to win backbench support. One said: "There's no question of dropping it, but it niay have to be more attractive." One option is to increase the amount being spent on refurbishing and improving married quar-

chill, wife of the first Duke of Marlborough, who left it to the Spencer family in 1744. The new owner of the

explanation. seat in the Lords, cannot wear

ermine, and definitely cannot expect any favours from the All England Club. Sport, pages 40, 41

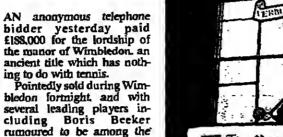
shopping and business centre and talking to civic leaders. Mr Heseltine told a news conference: "There will be an international competition to provide a range of ideas for an innovative concept and I have agreed that we in central government will help to finance that competition."

Tube strike could cause standstill

Hundreds of thousands of London commuters face disrupted journeys to work today as striking Underground train drivers threaten to bring the network to a standstill. A one-day stoppage by 2,000 Astef drivers could inflict the worst transport disruption on the capital for seven years, although London Transport hopes to run a. limited service. Aslef union leaders ordered the action in a

dispute about working hours. Renewed hope in postal dispute

A second postal strike will go ahead from noon today but hopes of resolving the dispute were raised yesterday when rs decided



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Reporter paid high price for dedication

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE award-winning trish journalist shot dead in Oublin suggestions that she was a target. "I don't feel that I did anything differently to what yesterday uncovered some of the country's most notorious any other journalist has done," she said shortly after minals.

Veronica Guerin. 33. nickthe shooting last year. Numerous death threats named most of her subjects as have been made to other way of getting around the Dublin journalists, including libel laws. By using names such as The Monk and The those at the Irish Times, Walrus, she was able to go Sunday World and the Star. Ms Guerin trained as an into detail about the men, their families and their finances. accountant. She entered journ-

shot dead.

alism six years ago after a Most of her work concentrated on Dublin men dealing brief period as a researcher in drugs, although she has with Fianna Fail, the Opposiwritten on the IRA. Last non party. She worked with Sunday she awrote that a the Sunday Business Post and Dublin IRA member sancthe Sunday Tribune before joining the Sunday Indepen-dent. She seldom worked from tioned the robbery in Adare. Co Limerick, in which the policeman Jerry McCabe was the newsroom, preferring instead to work alune. She had a Much of what she wrote good working relationship anded her in trouble. Last with the police.

December she was shot in the Sam Smyth, a colleague, said she was completely dedi-cated. "She really, really enright thigh by a masked man who called at her cottage in joyed her work. I have never seen anybody get as much fun Cloughran. Co Dublin. Guerin and detectives believe a Dublin criminal she exposed uut of work. Last year she was awarded

was responsible. Shots were fired at her the International Press Freehouse on a number of occadom Award from the Internasions and last year she was tional Committee to Protect beaten up when she went to Journalists. She was married interview a known criminal in to Graham Turley, a construc-Kill, Co Kildare. She persisted tinn worker. They had one child, Cathal, aged seven. with her reports, rejecting

ters above the £100 million calling further walkouts. promised by John Major on **Fuesday**.

More than a dozen MPs tion Workers Union, said he have already withdrawn their hoped a period of caim reflec-tion would allow a settlement names from the Commons motion. Some have been perto, be achieved. He said suaded to do so after being negotiations with the Royal promised a Commons debate. Mail earlier this week had However, hardline Tory been useful. critics of the scheme insisted

that they would support the Mental patients plans only if there was full consultation and if a debate increase by half was followed by a formal vote. The number of people com-They criticised Mr Portillo for pulsorily admitted to psychi-atrie hospital over the past taking an aggressive stance after he said it would be five years has risen by 55 per irresponsible" to back down. cent. Government figures Government sources have suggested that the campaign, showed yesterday. There was also a 29 per cent rise in backed by many of John voluntary admissions and a three-fold rise for private Redwood's supporters, is being co-ordinated by the for-

mer Cabinet minister in an mental nursing bomes effort 10 embarrass Mr The Department of Health Portillo. Mr Redwood has statistics showed the number dismissed the suggestion. Mr Portillo said that the of formal admissions to all facilities rose from 17,400 in 1989-90 to 27,100 in 1994-95. E1.6 billion expected from the

sale had been taken into account as part of the Government's overall financial strategy. Apart from the damage an aborted sale would do to the Chancellor's ability to introduce tax cuts before the gener-

al election, MoD sources said there were fears that impending procurement contracts could be affected A series of defence orders

are due to be annuunced over the next few weeks. They include a £650 million contract for an air-launehed conventionally armed stand-off missile and a £725 million anti-armour weapon.

Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the Communica-Father

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ly out today. Travel, pages 22, 23 More primary pupils in big classes

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST a third of primary school pupils are being taught in classes of over 30 after a big increase in sizes over last year. Twenty per cent more children are in groups bigger than 35, while the number in classes of 31 or more has risen by 9 per cent to 1.26 million, according to government figures disclosed yesterday.

Teachers elaimed the figures showed the impact of the Government's squeeze on local authority budgets in recent years. A survey for the National Union of Teachers showed 9,000 teachers were made redundant in the summer term last year.

of 31 or more rose by 17 per cent to 234.800, while those in groups of 36 or more fell from 4,500 to 3,400, according to the 1996 provisional figures for England published by the Department for Education and Employment.

Doug McAvoy. general sec-retary of the NUT. said: "This is the sixth year running that class sizes have deteriorated. This Government cannot claim it is interested in standards while it reduces opportunities for every child by

allowing this situation to worsen." Education was not being properly funded. A spokesman for the department echoed the views of

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who said In secondary schools, the earlier this year that class size number of students in classes had little impact on the quality earlier this year that class size of education. The spokesman added: "The number of primary school children in classes over 35 is 90.000 lower than in 1079. There are less very small classes now which has kept down the average in the past." He said several factors ac-

counted for recent rises, including local authority decisions on how to split funding between primary and secondary schools and parents sending their children to popular schools.

The figures show the percentage of all primary school children in classes of 31 or above rose from 26.1 in 1986 to 31.8 this year. The average primary class size is now 27.3 children, compared with 25.5 in 1986.

The average secondary school class size has remained

fairly static over ten years. rising slightly from 20.6 to 21.6 pupils. Although the number of secondary pupils in large classes has shown an annual rise, it is three-quarters of the total in 1986.

Airline collapse

blamed on media

Excalibur Airways, the char-

ter airline whose passengers

refused to fly to Florida this

week on a 23-year-old DC-10

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Parkhurst escape 'was intended to embarrass Howard' Hamilton

Family of victim says manslaughter verdict undervalues life of promising young officer

By LIN JUNKINS

THE escape of three convicted murderers from Parkhurst juit last year was intended to cause maxinium embarrassment to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, a court was told yesterday. The prosecution said that Keith

Rose, 46, jailed fur life in 1991. claimed later that, once out, he intended to publicise his campaign against Mr Howard's decision to increase the amount of time he

would have to spend in jail. Rose had added that the IRA breakout from Whitemoor four months earlier was his inspiration. The three prisoners identified and exploited weaknesses in security, making a duplicate pass key and a ladder without being detected. Rose and Anthony Rudger, 46, jailed fur life for murder by the Old

Builey in 1987, deny hreaking out of Parkhurst in January 1995. They claim they acted only after the Government changed the rules and

lengthened their seniences. Rodger suffered post-traumatic stress disurder and contemplated suicide after his t2-year tarrif was increased to 17. Rose tearnt that instead uf serving a minimum of 17 years, he would never be released. Anthony Davis, for the prosecut-

ing, at Woolwich Crown Court, southeast London, said that Rodger, Rose and a third inmate. Matthew Williams, all of whom were on D-wing, plnned fur weeks befure their escape on January 3. For five days

they evaded capture on the Isle of Wight, but failed in start two light aircraft at Sandown airfield and flee the island. Most of their time on the run was spent in a dilapidated gazebo in a garden in Ryde.

Mr Davis said that Rose and Williams had already made a duplicate key when they ap-proached Rodger, a good welder, to make the ladder in the vocational training centre. On the evening of the escape the three were among 31 prisoners anending a gym session.

Others at the session "were obvious-Rodger, said that he suffered from ly and clearly obstructive" to prison officers and were slow to leave. Mr Davis said. The three had time to unlock the rear door and enter the workshop, where the ladder had been hidden. They cut a hole in the interior fence and used the ladder to scale the 1411 outer wall. They were caught after being

post-traumatic stress disorder and only the prospect of escape stopped him committing suicide. The disorder had been caused by Mr Howard's decision to increase the tariff on his sentence. Roger Price, defending Rose, said

he learnt in 1994 that his tariff had been superseded and a decision sponed by Chris Jones, an off-duty prison officer, who recognised the taken that he should never be released. "His defence is that he walk of one of the men. Adrian Fulford, QC, defending acted as a result of duress of circumstances." The Irial continues.

MATTHEW GARDNER

on boat BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH COTLAND CORRESPONDEN

HOME NEWS 3

THE first claim that the gunman Thomas Hamilton sexually abused a young boy came on the nventy-first day of the Dunblane inquiry yesterday when an anonymous witness statement alleging an anack by Hamilton was read

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to Lord Cullen. tn it a man told how, as a twelve-year-old schoolboy, he was abused on Hamilton's boat nn Loch Lomond during a ten-day trip with about seven other boys. The witness said Hamilton summoned him to his cabin and sexually abused him one night as he lay "frozen with fear".

Before the statement was read, tan Bonomy, QC, senior Crown counsel who is leading the evidence, said that details of the statement could not be corroborated. The man who made it had a conviction for a serious crime of dishonesty, he said.

The man said he attended the Rovers Group run by the killer in Bannockburn, Srirling. In the summer a trip was organised to Loch Lomond for about eight boys. He had been particularly frightened on the trip when Hamilton had thrown boys off the boat with a rope tied round them. He had pretended to be ill and stayed in his cabin.

"That night t was told to report to Hamilton's cabin. t only had on my underpants. He had a sort of telescopic pointer device he used to point at a map or a chart and he was pointing it at me and he told me I'd better behave.

"He began to touch me between my legs and my private parts and I was very scared, f started to cry. He told me to stop crying or I would be hit with the pointer.

The man said he was ordered to lie face down on the bed by Hamilton who was dressed only in shorts. It was then that the attack took place. Afterwards he was allowed to

go. "It has affected me badly and has always troubled me." he said. The next day he

stood by ready to handcuff him once he had been brought under control, Lee resisted THE family of a trainee police officer whose career was cui short by a Jamaican gunman yesterday expressed outrage that his killer was found not year-old probationer, was shot through the heart by Ray Lee gate a "domestic incident" at a

Jury finds police

killer not guilty

on murder charge

Lee, 30, a suspected member of a Yardie drugs gang whose true identity remains hidden behind a string of aliases, was found guilty of the man-slaughter of PC Walters by the jury at the Old Bailey. He was cleared of murder. He had claimed in his defence that his Smith and Wesson revolver had gone off inadvertently during a struggle with PC Walters and his partner PC

By STEWART TENDLER

AND EMMA WILKINS

PC Phillip Walters, a 28-

after being called to investi-

house in Ilford, Essex.

guilty of murder.

Derek Shepherd, 35. After Lee was jailed for a

total of 18 years by Judge Goddard, the victim's family and friends condemned the 10-2 majority verdict. Helen Rossiter, his girlfriend, said that if she had been a police officer she would have resigned in disgust at the jury's

vendict "Philip was a very brave person and he was totally devoted to his job as a policeman." She felt that his life had been undervalued in the judi-

killed along with two col-

leagues in Bosnia demanded

yesterday a fresh inquiry into

their deaths after an inquest

jury disagreed with the find-

ings of an Army inquiry. The three men died when

their Saxon armoured person-

nel carrier rolled out of control

on a narrow track and tum-

bled down the side of a mountain. Privates Christo-

pher Turner, Philip Arm-

strong and Martin Dowdell

were serving in the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire

and Wiltshire Regiment as

part of the British peacekeep-

ing force guarding the Mus-



PC Phillip Walters with Helen Rossiter

call if they place such a disgustingly low value on police officers' lives." His father Colin called for the routine use of body armour for officers on patrol but said his son opposed the arming of the

police PC Walters was one of four officers called to the incident in Empress Avenue, Ilford, by a neighbour who had heard shouts and screams from a nearby flat. Lee, who had been hired to beat up one of its occupants, was confronted in the street as he tried to run off.

accidental death at an inquest

in Salisbury. An Army board

of inquiry had recorded the

cause of the accident in Sep-

tember 1994 as driver error.

foreman told David Masters,

the Wiltshire coroner. "We

didn't consider the driving

skills of Private Dowdell to be

Geoffrey Armstrong, father

of Phillip, said after the hear-

ing: "The verdict was predict-

able ... But we feel the vehicle they were using was inappro-priate." He said he would be

trying to have the internal board of inquiry either re-

opened or reconvened.

in any way inadequate."

However, the inquest jury

and there was a struggle between the pair during which Lee's gun was fired twice. One bullet grazed PC Shepherd's knee and then hit PC Walters in the chest, A second shot gave PC Shepherd a flesh vound. PC Shepherd told the court: t just saw a flash and heard a bang and saw sparks. I felt a burning sensation in my right knee and thought he had shot me. I saw PC Walters was

holding his chest." After the second shot, the officer managed to get his hand on the gun. He said: "He had fired twice already, so] managed to get my hand on the hammer. I tried to take his finger off the trigger with my

index finger but I did not succeed. But Peter Feinberg, QC, defending Lee, suggested that PC Shepherd had blocked out

Walters." PC Shepherd replied: "I am positive I did not."

A CHANNEL ferry that

beached near Calais with 250

passengers and crew on board was forced to wait close

to the shore in gale-force

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The official investigation

into the grounding of the Stena Challenger last Scp-

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Calais and poor navigation by the ship's officers. The vessel

was left stranded at Blériot-

Plage for 22 hours before

being rescued by tugs without

French harbour authorities.

found to have seven identities and three passports. He claimed to be born in Trinidad but is thought to have come Neither officer had any idea from Jamaica and to have entered Britain illegally two

to eight years for charges relating to the incident inside the house and ten years for the manslaughter of PC Walters. After his release, Lee will be deported.

His victim was a promising probationary policeman who the "tragedy" and that it was he who actually pulled the trigger. Mr Feinberg said: "It was your firing of that gun which caused the death of PC was a former flight supervisor with British Midland. PC Walters, from Hertfordshire, had joined the Metropolitan Police 18 months earlier and won the police training school's baton of honour as the

outstanding graduate of his year. A martial arts expert, he After his arrest Lee was had previously arrested a robber knowing a gun had been used in the crime. After his death Sir Paul



Case of the jury from hell he embracing outside the

court but the real problems

began once the jury retired.

First there was a dispute

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

OLD Bailey officials and lawyers greeted the end of the second Ray Lee trial yesterday with relief. They remember the collapse of the first trial and the six men and six women nicknamed "the jury from hell".

The jury, drawn from east Londoo and the Catford area of south London, earned the title after a series of incidents which led Judge Michael Coombe, 65, to remark he had

yet to complete reviewing the evidence. A series of anony-mous ootes revealed that one juror would not listen to the arguments of the others. Another refused to stay in the jury room with the complainant. Judge Coombe told them no

about smoking in the jury room. On the third day, the court discovered the jury had

juror could refuse to take part. young juror fainted. After five days, the foreman announced

was still undecided. Later the jury announced that they could continue but one needed to see a doctor and another needed a prescription. The judge said the jury could have the rest of the day off but eventually they announced they could continue. As they

prepared to finish for the day. however, they asked to be sent to a hotel with a gymnasium. On the fourth day Judge Coombe gave the jury a majority direction to try to break the deadlock. One

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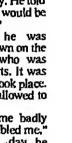
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PC Shepherd moved in to years ago. He showed no

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Condon, Commissioner of the never experienced anything After three-quarters of an Metropolitan Police, said the similar in a lifetime at the Bar hour the foreman came back to report most of the lary to report most of the jory Two jurors were reported to could continue but someone

that his colleagues were completely divided and the jury was dismissed.

to come home saying he was homesick. He did not tell her about the attack.

Father seeks fresh | French port censured over | **Official's snap decision** inquiry into deaths beaching of Channel ferry saves Prince's blushes THE father of a young soldier A jury returned verdicts of

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

injuries. The report from the Government's Marine Accident Investigation Branch criticised the "lax attitude to fundamental navigational onto the beach. practice" by the ship's officers, who had allowed the vessel to French Government to im-

veer too close to the shore. However, the accident could have been avoided if the Calais authorities had given clearer instructions to the bridge. Officers were only told that another ferry, the Pride of Burgundy, was about the leave harbour as they made their final approach. As a result, the Stena Chal-

lenger was forced to wait for 17 minutes outside the barbour in a force-eight northeasterly gale which blew it The report urged the

prove surveillance of ships at Calais. "Because the number of ferry movements is expected to increase from its present level of 50 to, maybe, as many as 78 a day in t996, il is considered important that Calais Port Authority develops the potential to direct all traffic more positively than at Prince's staff watched helppresent," it said. lessly from the shore as the

A CAREFULLY choreographed photograph of the Prince of Wales standing on the Giant's Causeway as the Royal Yacht Britannia steamed past was rescued from disaster yesterday by a quick-witted member of his

staff. Weeks of planning to provide tourism chiefs with the picture of their dreams were nearly thrown away when the Prince's late arrival meant that Britannia had sailed by before he arrived. Nervous members of the duly sailed past the Causeway

crew of the Britannia, accom-"Wishing Chair". Thank God for my mobile." the official said after scores of panied by her escort ship HMS Glasgow, sailed past the Causeway from west to east, photographers recorded the unaware that the Prince was historic moment. The Prince was fascinated behind schedule. As local dignitaries kicked

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

from east to west as the Prince

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by the extraordinary rock their heels on the Causeway, a formation, which has been member of his staff frantically declared a World Heritage tried to contact the crew on his Site, as he clambered over the six-sided basalt columns. mobile telephone. The official eventually alerted the ship, The Prince then followed which managed to turn round and sail back just in time. Britannia and HMS Glasgow

tradition by wiggling as he made a wish in the "Wishing Chair", a natural formation on the rocks.

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This summer, Peugeot launch two new 306 specials with enough supplements to make them the package deals of the year.

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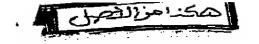


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Little girl 'murdered at end of a perfect day'

By KATE ALDERSON

A GIRL aged seven, abducted from a tent in her uncle's garden after spending a perfect summer's day with her family, was murdered in a crime which almost defies betief". a court was told yesterday.

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Sophic Hook had travelled with her family to Llandudno in North Wales last July to celebrate her cousin's ninth birthday with a family barbeeue, games of charades and a Camp fire.

Chester Crown Court was told that a "glorious hot summer's day" ended with Sophie camping with her sister and cousin in the fenced back garden of her uncle Danny Jones's house. Gerard Elias, QC, for the prosecution, said the small girl - she was 4ft lin tall – had settled down for the night in her sleeping bag when Howard Hughes stole

into the tent and took her. The 31-year-old unemplayed gardener strangled her and hrew her body in the sea, Mr Elias said. Mr Hughes, a single man who lived with his mother in Colwyn Bay, denies raping and murdering the child in the early hours of Sunday, July 30.

'Mr Elias said: "These atrocities reveal a depth of wickedness and depravity and whoever perpetrated them almost defies belief."

The court was told that Sophie's cousin had been given a tent for his birthday by his grandparents and, during the Saturday afternoon the tent was put up in the large garden. "Once erected the children were full of it," Mr Elias said. They pestered their



parents until they agreed that they could sleep in it that night. "It seemed the end of a perfect family day."

During that afternoon, while the children were playing in the garden, Mr Hughes had been seen hovering on the other side of the fence on a bridle path a few yards away. listening to their chaner. In their innocent play these children, wearing little or nothing, had made targets for his depravity.

Later that evening, Mr Hughes had returned to Llandudno and allegedly tried to abduct another seven-year-old girl who was playing less than four minutes' cycle ride from the Jones's garden,

At about 12.45am on the night of the attack Mr Jones had checked on the three children and zipped up the tent. He had gone to bed leaving the patio door open

and the garden gate bolted. Mr Elias said Mr Hughes took Sophie between 1.30 and 2.30am. He had kept Sophie from calling out by placing his hand over her mouth as he took her from the garden. It was then that Mr Hughes

raped and murdered Sophie, Mr Elias said. Her death had been caused by manual'strangulation. Her clothes had been taken off. Her body had been washed up on the shore and found by a passer-by shortly after 7am. She had been violently assaulted and suffered broken arm and extensive bruising.

Mr Hughes had denied any involvment in the murder during five days of questioning in police custody. Mr Elias said that Mr Hughes's father, Gerald, a successful businessman, then visited his son and Mr Hughes subsequently confessed the murder to him and told him where her clothing could be found.

During a search of Mr ughes's home, a collection of children's underwear had been found in a stone wall in the garden. "The defendant



Lisa Smith leaving court in Bangkok yesterday with a British Embassy official

Drugs girl freed IN THE TIMES at cost of £40,000

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

LOOKING fresh, fit and suntanned, 20-year-old Lisa Smith, the tatest Briton to face drugs charges in Thailand, walked from court in Bangkok to a waiting limousine yesterday after being told that there was nothing to stop her flying home.

The ruling came 12 days after a secretive bail agreement had been arranged by her father, giving her freedom at a cost of £40,000.

Miss Smith was arrested at Bangkok airport in January. Police said originally that she was carrying 4kg of opium and 500 amphetamine tablets. Yesterday she was charged with possessing and trafficking in 4kg of cannabis and 500 amphetamine tablets. Wearing make-up, a blue

tunic and ankle-length white skirt, she contrasted with the procession of foreign prisoners who usually go to court looking pale, uften in chains and always wearing drab. brown, prison overalls. She was allowed to sit not in

the dock but next to her three lawyers. After the short hearing her criminal lawyer said: "She is only making one plea: not guilty. She will return to CASE

face the charges. She will say she was framed." Puiri Kuvanonda, representing the family on the bail agreement, said: "She has received bail unconditionally, She is free to go wherever she wants but she must turn up on August 23 for the next hearing. If she does not, the family wil forfeit the bail and a warrant will be issued for her arrest." Miss Smith faces betwee five and 20 years in jail if convicted. In theory, her bail deal allows her to cut and run at any time during her trial which could last years. Bail has never before been given to foreigners in heroin or opium cases for that reason. But the £40.000 bond is four

times that paid into court by Joseph McCracken, a Scot currently on trial for murder. Within 24 hours of Miss Smith's arrest, her father, Terence, chief executive of National Mutual Assurance (Asia), based in Hong Kong, arrived with her mother to take care of her case and appoint lawyers. He has since asked British

Florida, Arizona, the Caribbean Embassy officials and lawyers and Cornwall to make no comment on the



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with children," Mr Elias said. "He had an intention and a determination at this time to carry his fantasy into reality." The trial continues.

Abandoned cuddly toy was first clue

By KATE ALDERSON

mother, said in a written police statement read out in court yesterday: "The sight of 'Blankies'. Sophie's cuddly toy in the tent, was the first real evidence she had gone missing. She never went anywhere

without it." She described how the cousins had been very close and regularly contacted each other by telephone and visited one another's homes regularly. -1 would describe them as good friends. On occasion we would have sleepovers, swapping the children around.

"Both families had planned to meet on Sunday [the day Suphie's body was found] in Chesicr to see a Barman movie. Sophie and her sister had identical Winnie the Pooh nighties and Sophie wouldn't go anywhere without 'Blan-kies' Because it was such a lovely day Sophie took her clothes off and was running around wearing just her knickers t went at about 4pm after they cut the birthday cake and sung Happy Birth-day. The children waved

JULIE HOOK, 35, Sophie's Chris received a phone call the next morning saying Sophie was missing. They drove to Llandudno and after conferring with police identified their daughter's body. Mr Hook, 38, said he often

warned his children about going with strangers: "We instilled in Sophie how she must not go with strangers. She was wary of people she did not know and I can't believe she would willingly go away from Danny's house, let alone from the garden. She was a healthy child with no medical problems. She had never wandered away or become separated from us in the past."

Danny Jones, Sophie's uncle, said of his niece's last afternoon: "She had been enjoying herself, playing cha-rades. They were more like brothers and sisters than cousins. Sophie was just a typical seven-year-old excited about camping out. My son had come back in the house be-cause the others had frightened him talking about ghosts."

None of Sophie's relatives was in court to hear the opening day of evidence.

Mrs Hook and her husband goodbye."

Broadcasters chided after 'freak shows'

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

BROADCASTING watchdugs are to warn television radio companies against victim entertainment in which peoples inisfortunes and peculiarities are exploited as if they were performers in a Vic-torian freak show. The warning comes after viewers' complaints about the way people with "interesting medical conditions were shown in documenta-The Broadcasting Standards Council has up held three complaints on the issue in its bulletin

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published today and will raise the matter with broadcasters next month when it publishes its annual report. One ruling was against Vanessa, ITV's mid-afternoon chat show presented by Vanessa Feliz, which featured a to-month-old baby suffering from a condition known as premature sexual maturation. The council said it was uncasy about the display of young children in a talk show with a live studio audience, particularly in a case centring on intimate details.

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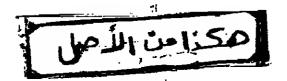
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Regional trends survey

Poor man of **Europe still** lags behind Continent

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

MOST of the United Kingdom is poorer than the rest of the European Union, with only the South East and East Anglia wealthier than the continental average.

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The first detailed survey of trends in the expanded Europe of 15 states shows spending power in Britain lagging far behind many member states while lifestyles are also less comfortable. The UK has the ninth highest gross domestic product per head in the Union. behind Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany. The Neth-erlands and Italy, Only Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Greece are

poorer. Most Italians now have more spending power than the Welsh, while Finland and northeast Spain are richer than the North of England. The troubles in Northern Ireland have made long-term unemployment in the region worse than almost anywhere else in Europe.

The North of England, Scot-land and Northern Ireland have some of the lowest rates of car ownership, with fewer vehicles than the Portuguese. Scotland has the highest death rate apart from three German regions

More than three quarters of the workforce in southeast England is in the service sector; only Brussels, Ile de France, West-Nederland and the Canaries have higher proportions.

The figures are disclosed in Regional Trends. published today by the Government's Statistical Service.

Southwest England has the oldest population outside northern and central Italy, with one in five people aged 65 or over. Scotland, Wales, the Nnrth and North West of England have some of the highest death rates from circulatory causes.

One of the few positive findings is that the average rields of wheat and barley in Yorkshire, Humberside, the East Midlands and East Anglia are among the highest in

Europe. The richest region of Europe is Hamburg, followed by ile de France and Luxembourg. The ony, densely populated north German state is home to 1.7 million people who cach have almost twice as much to spend as the British.

do many of the wealthiest parts of the Continent, from working in service industries, with low proportions of the population employed in industry and little reliance on agriculture.

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more than a quarter of the population is aged under 16. The oldest is Emilia-Romagna in northern ftaly, where a fifth SOVET 64.

next year will concentrate help on Northern freland, with England with £120 million. Regional Trends (Stationery Office; £35.95)



Dennis MacLeod first got the taste for gold when he went panning in Sutherland

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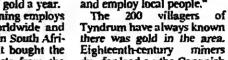
Tycoon gets go-ahead for Scotland's first goldmine

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A TYCOON whose ancestor sparked Scotland's only gold rush more than 100 years ago has received final planning consent for Scotland's first commercial goldmine.

Dennis MacLeod, 55, the Scots-Canadian head of the Toronto-based Caledonia Mioing Corporation, will ful-fil a childhood ambition when work starts on the goldmine at Cononish. near Tyndrum,

Perthshire, next year. Mr MacLeod, originally from Helmsdale, in Sutherland, became fascinated with gold at the age of ten when his uncle took him panning near by in Strath Kildonan. The new mine at Cononish, an area of outstanding natural beauty that includes Ben Lui and the native pine forest at Coille Coire Chulic, is expected to produce gold and silver ore worth £37 million. It will employ about 80 people dur-ing the development phase and will extract an estimated 25,000 ounces of gold a year. Caledonia Mining employs 1,500 people worldwide and operates mines in South Africa and Spain. It bought the Tyndrum interests from the



Eighteenth-century miners dug for lead on the Cononish



Scotland's first goldrush: Kildonan in the 1860s

Irish group Fynegold Explo-ration for £5 million last year. site: they would have come across seams of silver and gold, but possibly too fine to There had been initial hostility from some locals and recognise Robert Gilchrist, an ancesenvironmental groups about the proposed mine but strintor of Mr MacLeod's, was gent conditioos have been laid down by the local authorresponsible for Scotland's only gold rush. in 1868 he sparked a two-year frenzy at Kildonan when he returned ity which have satisified the Tay River Purification Board. after 17 years in the goldfields Yesterday Mr MacLeod said: "Getting a goldmine up and running in Scotland is the realisation of my boyhood

ambition. The corporation is committed to local community development and prosperity. We will endeavour to train and employ local people." The 200 villagers of Tyndrum have always known

More than 600 prospectors took the train to Golspie and trekked 20 miles over moorland to stake their claims. Between £12.000 and £22,000 of gold was discovered before the Duke of Sutherland cleared the miners off his land New Year's Day, 1870, after farmers complained that they were cutting into grazing land for sheep.



They make their fortune, as

The poorest part of the Union is the Azores, whose 240,000 inhabitants have less than half Britain's gross do-mestic product. The islands are sparsely populated, with a large proportion of the populaoon aged 15 or under, high birth and death rates and the worst infant mortality in

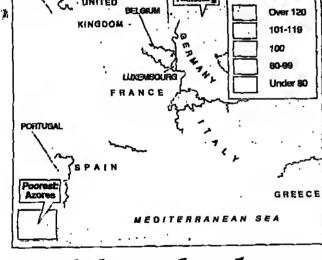
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Welsh make do on smallest incomes

THE Welsh are becoming the poor relations of the United Kingdom, with their incomes and living standards dropping dramatically behind other areas (Dominic Kennedy writes)

The average household in Wales now has a lower gross weekly income even than Northern Ireland, while more homes rely on social security benefits than anywhere else in the UK. In 1980-81, the Welsh earned 91 per cent of the average English income, while the Scots took 94 per cent and the Northern Irish 78 per cent By 1994-95, households in

Wales were taking home only 75 per cent as much as their English neighbours, while the

Scots had risen to 97 per cent

per cent. A Welsh home has £282 a week to live on, compared with £375 in England. The Welsh also spent much less per head than other Britons, only £96 a week each compared with £119 in Eng-land. More of their income went on essentials such as fuel, light and power, motor-ing and fares. They spent less on clothing and footwear, household goods and leisure. Northern Ireland has seen a reversal of fortunes in recent years. It is the only part of the nation in which house prices have risen each year since 1989

and the Northern Irish to 89

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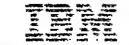
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Doctors vote to boycott 'insecure' computer net

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS' medical records stored on a growing national NHS computer network can be obtained by insurance companies and employers because security is so lax, doctors said yesterday.

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The confidentiality of infor-mation disclosed by patients in medical consultations and carried on the network cannot be guaranteed, the British Medical Association said. At its annual general meeting in Brighton doctors voted to boycott the NHS Wide Net, which links computer banks in GPs' hospitals and surgeries. health authorities, until safeguards are introduced. The net was started on April I.

NHS trusts and GPs are expected to use the network to exchange details of patient treatments so that they may be billed and paid for electronically under the NHS market. Dr Fleur Fisher, the BMA's

head of ethics, said: "Don't link your surgery or hospital to the net until you can ensure that the data in your comput-ers can't be leaked out anywhere else." She disclosed that the information already circulating on the net could be traced to individuals despite having been "anonymised". Most data which the Government said has been de-identified only has the names and addresses taken off. But it leaves the postcode and date of birth, which is enough to make an identification."

An American case gave warning of what could happen in Britain, she said. A non-

the expense of any threat to patient confidentiality." GPs 'need treatment'

UP TO 10,000 doctors have a danger to patients but urgent drink or drug problem that requires treatment but only a handful are getting the help they need (Jeremy Laurance writes).

Dr Michael Wilks, a police surgeon in west London and chairman of the BMA's drug misuse working party, told the BMA meeting that there was no evidence that they were a

executive director of a private health maintenance organisation in Boston, Massachusetts, obtained details of all patients with cancer from the computer database. As he was also a director of a local bank he was able to match the information with the list of

outstanding bank loans so that he could call them in before the patients died. Experts say that the information can be scrambled. The Health Department has agreed to discuss options with

doctors' leaders. Dr Michael Williams, a consultant paediatrician, said: "In NHS trusts computer users have to take more security measures. Most leave terminals running in public view and passwords are ex-changed freely. Trusts will merely have to declare that they comply with security guidelines — but can we trust them? We need much better guarantees of security. The technical means to safeguard

clearly not in place." Dr Simon Jenkins, chairman of the BMA's informa-tion technology committee, described how Aids patients in America sought legal advice

Council chairman, said ministers had strung doctors along for a year with empty reassurances about the network's safety. "We wish to see the system up and running but not at

others will." Dr Wilks said.

information is available but

before consulting doctors. Dr Sandy Macara, BMA

action was necessary to prevent any risk. Organisations including the

Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, on March 17 accompanied by BMA and the Royal Colleges have agreed in principle the its mate, Mid-Off. The radio's 12-inch aerial has been transneed for a treatment service that could deal with 300 to 400 mitting signals via satellite doctors a year. However, the about once every 13 days to a E300,000 cost has still to be station in Toulouse, southwest France, which feeds the inforfound. "If we don't take action mation to Bristol University,



Workers celebrate after a 150-tonne boring machine linked up excavations under London Bridge yesterday to create a continuous six-mile stretch of tunnel for the Jubilee Tube line extension into east London. By August the tunnels should be finished and the line, said to be the largest construction project in Europe, is on schedule to open in March 1998. It will run from Green Park in the West End to Stratford

Swan sends back radio travelogue

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have tracked the 2,500-mile flight path of migrating Bewick's swans from their winter refuge in southern England to their summer breeding grounds in the tundra of northern Russia. They strapped a tiny radio transmitter to the back of Abelhard, a 12-year-old bird,

which set off from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at enabling researchers at Slimbridge to plot the swan's

Abelhard's first signal was received on April 10 from Gotland Island in the Baltic Sea. After resting in Estonia, the bird entered Russia, stop

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BY ABELHARD

FRANCE

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ping on the White Sea coast in mid-May and reporting in from the mouth of the River Oma three weeks later. The most recent signal. on June 24, came from Kolguyev Island in the Barents Sea.

swan specialist, said: "Although we have been studying Bewick's swans for 25 years, we had hardly any detailed information about their mi-gration path. This new data will help us to protect the sites the swans visit against huntsmen and development." Bewick's swans have yellow

and black bills and are smaller than the mute swans that are year-round residents of Britain. They number about 45.000. up to \$,000 of which spend the winter in Britain. about 450 at Slimbridge.

The researchers are hoping for an even more detailed picture of the swan's journey back to Britain. "Abelhard will be seeding back almost continuous signals, so we should have a record of every place he visits," Mr Bowler said.

after cutting his leg while turning over his garden with a rotovator. Michael Carter, a 52-year-old carpenter, went to his local casualty department for stitches and an anti-tetanus booster injection but after returning to his home in . Gayhurst, Buckinghamshire, the leg began to swell. When tetanus was diagnosed Mr Carter, a grandfa-

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A man has died from tetanus

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ther, was transferred to the John Radeliffe Hospital in Oxford, and six days later suffered a heart attack caused by the infection. He died in intensive care on Sunday. An inquest was opened and ad-journed on Tuesday.

£87.000 aria

A previously unrecorded part of a soprano aria by Mozart. discovered wrapped in brown paper in an American attic, fetched £87.300 at Christie's in London yesterday. It was bought by an anonymous telephone bidder for more than three times the estimate.

Dunn payout

The former heavyweight bozer Richard Dunn has agreed damages of about £300,000 after an accident on a North Sea rig in 1989. Dunn, 41, who fought Muhammad Ali for the world title in 1976, fell 40ft and broke both ankles. He walks with the aid of sticks.

Split decision

Efforts to reunite the head of Oliver Cromwell with his body have been rebuffed by Sir George Wombwell, his descendant. He has told campaigners that the corpse will not be removed from its vault at the family home in North Yorkshire.

Musical tryst

The singer Kim Wilde, star-ring in Tommy in London, has become engaged to Hal Fowler, another member of the cast. Fowler, who plays Cousin Kevin in the rock musical, proposed to Ms Wilde, Tommy's mother, on a break in Calais this week.

Animal passion

Police called in a spotter plane to help in a search of Cowes golf course on the Isle of Wight after a passer-by be-lieved he heard the sound of someone being attacked. The operation ended when the source was identified as two foxes mating.

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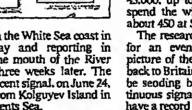
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flight to oblivion

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A SMALL ant-eating wood-pecker has been identified as Britain's biggest loser in the bird world. Once common throughout England and Wales, the wryneck is now thought to be reduced to five breeding pairs.

It has been in decline since the mid 1800s and last bred in any numbers in Kent and Sussex before the Second World War.

The wryneck's misfortunes, though, are almost equalled by those of the white-tailed eagle, the corncrake and the red-backed shrike, according to ornithologists who have compiled a table of winners and losers for British Birds. published by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

David Gibbons, Mark Avery and Andrew Brown place the white-tailed eagle second in their list of losers. It became extinct in Britain but after reintroduction from Norway there are thought to be ten breeding pairs. The secretive cornerake has been in decline for 150 years and its disappearance is now thought to be only a matter of time. The red-backed shrike,

widespread in Britain in the a second, but more than three 19th century, first failed to breed in England in 1989, and such as flash length or brightthough a pair bred in East ness did not attract them. Anglia in 1992, it is now counted as extinct as a breeding bird. Other losers cited include the corn bunting and the black-tailed godwit. The great bustard and great auk

are already gone. The winners, the ornithologists say, are led by the tufted duck, which has boosted its population over the past two centuries to 7.500 pairs. Other birds on the increase include the Canada goose, with 75,000 pairs, and the pheasant, with more than three million breeding.

Surprisingly, studies reveal that the number of species breeding in the UK increased from 194 to 230 between 1800 and 1995, although bird populations in general declined alarmingly. Mr Gibbons said yesterday:

"We only have to go back a few human generations to find surprising and shocking changes. We may have gained a lot of birds but the losses would seem unbelievable to a Victorian birdwatcher."



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characteristics. They showed that females respond best to a higher flash rate. Under half the females responded to simulated male flashing at less than 2.7 flashes

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By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

FEMALE fireflies favour a

faster flashing rate in males

rather than sheer wattage, Dr

Marc Branham and Dr Mich-

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Typically, a male firefly flies

about three to nine feet off the

ground emitting short bursts

of flashes, each lasting a se-

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The two entomologists

filmed the displays, simulat-

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A report referred to by Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, in his letter, "Tackling the evil of cowboy builders" (June 20), is available from Justice, 59 Carter Lane, London EC4V 5AQ, price E4.

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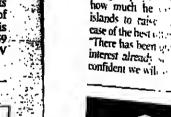
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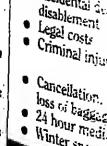


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PoWs win review of lost wartime pay 'worth £90m'

BY ADRIAN LEE

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THOUSANDS of former prisoners of war who claim they lost pay while incarcerated during the Second World War have won a fresh review of their cases. The sum involved 50 years ago was £1 million, and the 14,000 former servicemen believe it is now worth up to £90 million.

The decision by the Ministry of Defence 10 "thoroughly consider" the claims marks a breakthrough for the veterans after a 16-year campaign. The review will be headed by Earl Howe, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defence.

Those affected fall into two groups who both had money deducted from their wages while they were held captive: up to 4,000 protected personnel, such as doctors, nursing orderlies, ambulance drivers and padres; and 10,500 officers from all three services.

Under the terms of the Geneva Convention, protected personnel should have received payment from the enemy and, as a result, British paymasters made deductions of up to 50 per cent. In reality, some were never paid by the Germans and Italians, a few were paid erratically, while others were paid "laager



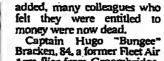
Captain Hugo Bracken, right, as a PoW in Germany

marks" by the enemy which at Stalag 20A in Poland. were supposed to be used to Experts have calculated it is buy essentials and redeemed worth many thousand pounds for sterling after the war. They today were virtually worthless or not Mr King, 77, spokesman for refunded. Officers also rethe National Ex-Prisoners of

ceived the "laager marks"," War Association, said: "The which were treated as an attitude of the Government advance on their pay. Ordinary soldiers, who did not fall into either category, has always been that it was such a long time ago, so forget it. But many people feel dishad no pay deducted and are gusted by the way they were not involved in the claim. treated."

Officers held in Japan had pay Few pay records still exist refunded after the war, while and a review in 1980 by a protected personnel held there defence working party condid not have pay deducted. cluded there was insufficient evidence to reopen files. The The officers have founded their own campaign group. Justice for Prisoners of War. former servicemen have since gathered new evidence. Mr King, who was captured before the fall of Dunkirk, said

Graham King, who served in the medical corps as a corporal, claims £150 was he sensed a change in attitude. deducted from his pay for five The outlook seemed "quite positive". Unfortunately, he years while he was a prisoner



Arm flier from Groombridge, East Sussex, claims he is owed E5,300, equivalent to £276 in the 1940s. He was shot down over Norway and spent four years in a PoW camp in former Silesia. About a quarter of his pay was deducted while he was captive and he received "laager marks". He said they were worthless.

Captain Bracken said would be happy, given the complexity of calculating back pay, if a lump sum was given to service charities. "The Government has behaved absolutely disgracefully," he said. Charles Shelton, 77, a for mer medic from King's Lynn, Norfolk, said: "It's not the money, its the principle. When got home I was given a £100 payoff but I had no idea what I was or wasn't entitled to." He was captured at Arnhem. "It hurts me to think about the way we have been betrayed." Confirming the review, an MoD spokesman said: "It will

be looked at again but because there are no records it is a review of principle. How they could ever decide how much was owed, I don't know."



Mr Bracken at home near Tunbridge Wells. He claims he is owed £5,300 for £276 deducted from wartime pay

Crofting family puts isles on sale BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GROUP of uninhabited islands in the Western Isles is being offered for sale by a retired crofter. John Mackenzie, 74, used the islands, in the Sound of Harris, for grazing sheep until he sold his flock last year. Now he and his brothers have decided to sell the estate to the highest bidder.

The islands are Ensay, Saghay Mhor, Saghay Bheag, Slaicham, Suem, Groay, Vaten, Lingay, Crago and Scaravay. They lie between Harris and North Uist, not far from the site of the planned

Lingerbay superquarry. Ensay, the largest of the

£6.000 BY A STAFF REPORTER FISHING rights to two miles of one of Scotland's prime salmon rivers are being sold for £3 million. The secluded Upper Kercock and Delvine beats on the Tay, north of Perth, are on offer from

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Lethendy Estates, a property company, at a rate equivalent to more than £6,000 per fish. Last year 549 saimon were caught there. Colin Strang

Steel, of Knight Frank, said: "It seems like a lot of money to ask but not in relation to the number of fish that have been caught, Back in the Eighties prices were as high as £15,000

per fish. The Upper Kercock and

Pisa has the tower, Rome, the Coliseum. But Verona has it all

house, which is not owned by the Mackenzie brothers.

The Sound of Harris offers breathtaking views in the summer but is a treacherous crossing during foul weather. Mr Mackenzie, of Lever-burgh, south Harris, was being coy yesterday about how much he expected the islands to raise. "It's just a case of the best offer." he said. There has been quite a bit of interest already so I'm quite confident we will sell."

Murthly, Tayside, are among the last beats on the river not split into smaller sections or divided into timeshare lets. The most likely buyer is thought to be either a consortium of wealthy anglers or a sporting company that will ease out the rights.

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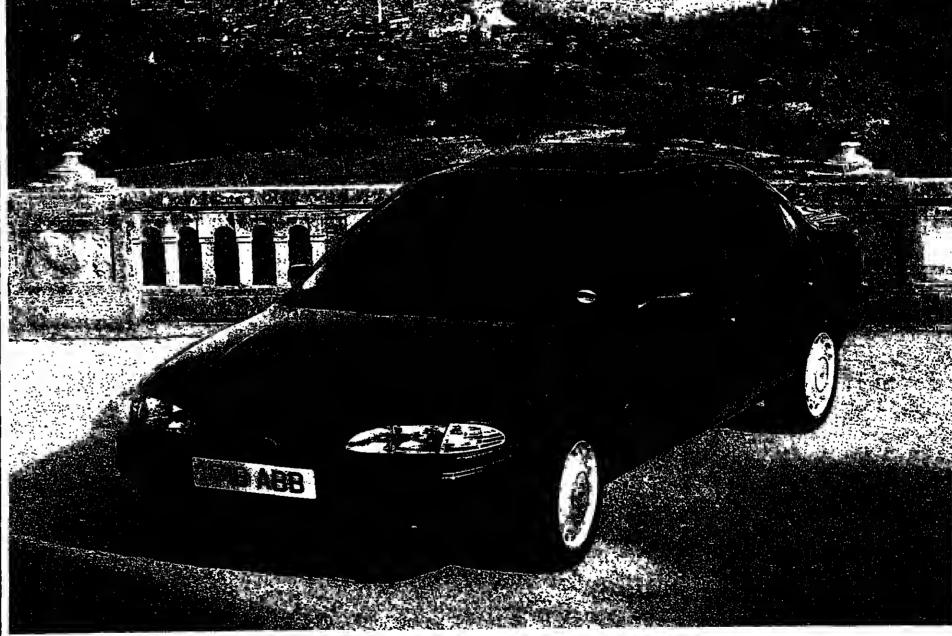
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HOME NEWS 10 Vicar forced to quit new post in clash over women priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A TRADITIONALIST Church of England congregation has forced its new parish priest to resign before setting foot in the vicarage because of his support for the ordination of women.

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The Rev David Burrell, 39, was due to leave his parish in Suffolk to become priest-incharge of eight parishes around Colkirk in Norfolk. He had been interviewed and offered the job, which he accepted.

However, some of the congregation in one of his new parishes did not realise he supported women priests until the position was offered and accepted. Facing the threat of a church boycott in Colkirk. the village where he was to live, Mr Burrell felt he had no choice but to resign.

"I feel a bit angry that a small group of people can hold such sway over a whole group of parishes," he sald. "I have had many messages from people in the other parishes saying they are upset.

"My bishop here in Suffolk said he would be very happy for me to stay in this diocese and has asked me to look at some other parishes. 1 wouldn't have been allowed to do my job as a priest. Some of the people in the parish would not have accepted the eucharist from me."

The case is thought to be the first of its kind in the Church of England, which voted in 1992 to ordain women priests. It highlights divisions that remain in the Church which, although it has appointed priests. flying bishops" to look after opponents and has granted parishes the freedom to refuse a woman priest, is likely to

remain unsettled about the The objectors had said they would be happy for Mr Burrell to arrange for a standin to celebrate communion at the 13th-century Church of St Mary the Virgin. However, if he refused, they threatened to leave the group to join a neighbouring group of parish-es. Mr Burrell said it was fortunate that he had not yet signed his letter of resignation from St Mary's Church in Haughley, Suffolk, where he

will now remain. He said: "It was some weeks after my interview when the parochial church Colkirk council suddenly wrote to the bishop saying they wanted to withdraw support for me.

The bishop went to see them and 1 thought they had reached a compromise. But when I met the council it was a late stage.

obvious that was not the case." Diana Beck, lay vice-chairman of Colkirk church council, voted to oppose Mr Burrell celebrating communion at an emergency meeting which she called after she became aware of his support of women

"We have a congregation of between 6 and 26 and 1 know most of them share my views opposing women priests," she said. They would have boycotted services if he had ad-ministered the sacraments and he would have had an

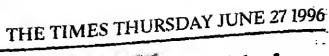
empty church." She said the council did not object earlier because of "a misunderstanding". However Bill Vyse, a Colkirk church warden who sat on the interview panel, said: "I support the ordination of women. 1 was looking forward to work-ing with Mr Burreli but other members did not agree with me." The Right Rev David

Conner, the Bishop of Lynn, has met church council representatives in Colkirk to discuss appointing another priest who is acceptable to all eight parishes. He said: "I have never been involved in a case of the appointment of a priest that has broken down at such



The Rev David Burrell, above, was supported by Bill Vyse, below left, church warden at St Mary's, Colkirk, when he was made priest-in-charge, but others forced him to resign before he had set foot in the vicarage





Athletics body fights Modahl cash claim

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BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE British Athletic Federation went to the High Court yesterday in an attempt to strike out the damages claim by the Olympic athlete Diane Modahl.

Modahl, who attended the private hearing, is suing the federation for £480,000 in legal and medical costs sustained in her successful campaign to clear her name of allegations that she took performance-enhancing drugs. She is also seeking punitive damages for the way her case was handled by the federation. Modahi was banned for four years after tests in Lisbon in 1994 appeared to show that she had a high level of

testosterone in her body. The tests were eventually discredited and the ban was lifted. The federation is under-

stood to be arguing that it complied with the rules and that there is no foundation for a damages action. If Mr Justice Popplewell rejects its claim, the full hearing of the case is expected to take place in the autumn. The judge will give his judgment in open court tomorrow.

Modahl is currently train-ing for the Olympics in Atlan-ta. She won selection for the 800m after finishing second in the national trial in Birmingham. Outside the court she said she was "very excited" by the prospect of Atlanta

Tong family plans move to Ireland BY A STAFF REPORTER THE wife of Albert Tong, the illegal immigrant arrested after seeking sanctuary in a church, is hoping to take up a job offer in Ireland to enable the family to start a new life

there and avoid her husband's deportatioo. Becky Tong is flying to the Irish Republic with the couple's three-year-old daughter. Monica, to accept the post, according to solicitors for the family. Chris Bryan said that he was talking to the Home Office about his client joining his wife in Ireland to avoid deportation to Hong Kong.

He said Mr Tong had a

were a matter for her. "Our position remains wheo he is medically fit we will be deporting him to Hong Kong," the spokesman said. He would not say when that would be.

Mr Toog, who had lived for 17 years in Camborne, Corn-wall, had been under observation in hospital since his collapse in Newquay police station after his arrest at Marazion Methodist Church. west Cornwall.

Lawmakers in Hong Koog yesterday added their voice to appeals to the Government to allow Mr Tong to remain in the UK in a letter of protest,

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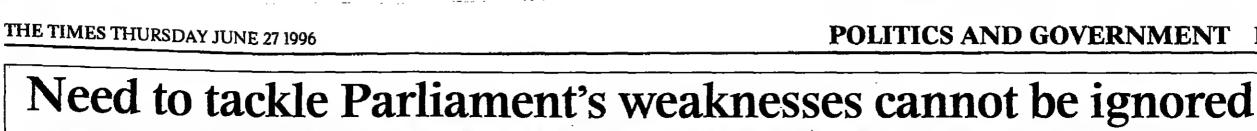


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ohn Major is right that the House of Commons is at the heart of the debate over constitutional reform. That is too often ignored by the advocates of change, whether of devolution, a Bill of Rights or of the House of Lords. They frequently justify their proposals on their own terms while not taking into account the wider implications. But Mr Major is wrong to argue that this automatically undermines the case for

change. At least Mr Major recognises that the constitution is not some unchanging model of perfection and has altered since 1979. But

BY ANDREW PIERCE

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR opened the

most far-reaching debate on

the constitution for a genera-

tion last night with a warning

that Labour's "dangerous"

plans for reform threatened to

way of life.

unstitch the fabric of Britain's

The Prime Minister her-

alded the start of a Cabinet

counter-offensive against Op-

position proposals on devolu-

tion, the abolition of heredit-

ary peers, and proportional

representation. Ministers believe that the Labour leadership's change of

heart on a referendum for a

Scottish parliament was a

further sign that it has become

increasingly sensitive to Tory

attacks on their plans for

A succession of Cabinet

ministers will enter the debate

in the coming weeks with set-

piece speeches defending the

Union and attacking Labour.

night to the Centre for Policy

Studies, said that Parliament

was the cement that held

together the United Kingdom.

Threaten the central role of

our national Parliament and

you threaten that unity and

stability. The differences float-

ed by the Opposition could not

fail to destabilise and, in

the end, diminish the British

Parliament had its quirks

and faults but it was hard to

find another country where it

was so central to national life.

"That is why piecemeal re-

Parliament."

Mr Major, in his speech last

constitutional reform.

those very changes have them-selves destabilised the constitution and the place of Parliament. Some started before 1979 - though have developed considerably since then - such as the growing power of European institutions, the broadening scope of judicial review and the ominipresence of the media in the political debate. But other changes can be direct-traced to the Tories - notably

the centralisation of controls in Whitehall at the expense not only of local authurities but also of other intermediary institutions which the Tories say they value, such as universities and voluntary bodies.

A RIDDELL

Mr Major fairly argued in his speech at the Centre for Policy Studies last night that the Tories have devolved management to hospitals and individual schools and have strengthened people's rights as consumers of public services. These are pluses which the reformers tend to ignore. But the overall funding control remains at the centre, not with Parliament but with the executive, Consequently, there is a clear imbalance in the constitution. The

centre is too strong and the local too weak: on that, at least, Paddy Ashdown and Jack Straw were agreed in their speeches vesterday urging wide-ranging reform. The Tories have so far failed adequately to respond to demands for a shift in this balance, particularly in Scotland. There is nothing particularly outlandish in having a Scot-tish parliament with a limited remit and tax-raising powers: after all, every American state and German lander has far greater responsibilites. The problem is less what might

happen within Scotland, or Wales (if a workable plan could be

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tions of our predecessors have

Mr Major rejected calls for

a written constitution, con-

demned Labour's proposed

abolition of hereditary peer-

ages, and poured scorn on

proportional representation.

The fact is the House of Lords

has been far more effective

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The constitution was vi-brant and robust but not

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ing down a wall here or adding an extension there. It's

a living, breathing constitu-

tion. Its roots are ancient, but it has evolved. And it has been

stable because it has popular

support. That is why I care so

much about our constitution.

It is why I will defend our

tradition, our heritage, and

guard against any needless

change which threatens the

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at the last, people will be able to choose if they want embark

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devised for the perennially frac-tious principality) than over rela-tions with the national Government. That is recognised in the thorough reports of the recently established Constitution Unit, which are intentionally similar to the briefs which might be produced by civil servants for an incoming Blair Government, sym-pathetic to the aims but noting the pitfalls. The most critical remarks in its reports are about relations with the centre, over budgets and representation at Westminster.

Any workable reform plans have to deal with these issues and the future of Parliament itself. ft is

no good viewing them in separate compartments. If powers are shifted away from Westminster, as they already have been to the EU. the role of the Commons, and the Lords, has to be reconsidered. Parliament may remain, in Mr Major's words, "the focus of the nation's unity at times of national grief or outrage and the threat for the great convulsion of political history". But that does not make it effective on a day-to-day basis. Mr Major's proposals for shift-ing the timing of the Queen's

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Speech to avoid congestion around the time of the Budget and announcing provisional legislative

plans a year ahead are sensible in a gradualist way - and are in line with the recommendations of almost every group that has looked at parliamentary reform over the past decade. But they barely deal with the central issue of ensuring that Parliament is better at scrutinising legislation and the executive

It is no good just warning about the dangers of ill-thought-out reform, necessary though that is. But the weaknesses of Parliament have to be addressed. Mr Major offered only half a case last night.

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Nolan outlines councils inquiry

BY IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Nolan committee outlined its programme for investigating corruption and incompetence in local government yesterday.

planning applications and tenders from outside contractors will be top of the committee's agenda. Lord Nolan, chairman of the committee on standards in public life, intends to review the rules by which councillors are required to declare any interest they have in the outcome of a decision. He also wants to look into the controversial system of making councillors repay

through a surcharge. Although he will not investigate individual allegations of misconduct, he is inviting the public and organisations to tell the committee of their experiences with councils so

the important issues. equals' Written submissions, addressed to the committee at Horse Guards Road, London, SWIP 3AL, must arrive by

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ACHTUNG! GOLDSCHMIDT INVAGION OF PLATFORM BY TABLOID NATIONALISTS **Rival party**

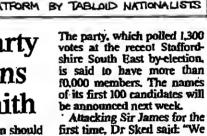
THE anti-Europe UK Inde-pendence Party is planning to field candidates in every constituency at the general election (Andrew Pierce writes). The move, which will split

the anti-federalist vote, is intended to eclipse Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which will not challenge candidates who are committed to a referendum on Britain's future in the EU.

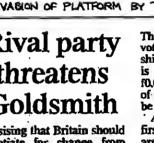
Sir James will confront the threat in a speech tonight to hundreds of supporters in Leading article, page 19 Newcastle upon Tyne, em-

negotiate for change from within Europe. The UKJP is committed to Britain's withdrawal from the EU.

Dr Alan Sked, the UKIP feater sold that if the election was in May "we will be flying



the flag in 550 constituencies".



ate withdrawal from the EU and to replace membership

Attacking Sir James for the first time, Dr Sked said: "We are not a one-man band. We do not favour chequebook politics. Britain cannot find leadership from a billionaire MEP. We believe in immedi-

threatens Goldsmith phasising that Britain should

with a free trade agreement.",

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Don't tamper with fabric

of the nation, says Major

WHERE THE PARTIES STAND

CONSERVATIVES

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION: opposed, because it would give disproportionate influence to minority parties

LABOUR

WALES: Welsh assembly without tax-raising powers to absorb many

COMMONS: proposed reform of Question Time to one 30-minute weekly session; shorter summer recess

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

PR: single transferable vote system now used for local and European elections in Northern Ireland

SCOTLAND: separate tax-raising partiament, with fewer Scots MPs at

HOUSE of LORDS: abolish hereditary peerage and create elected

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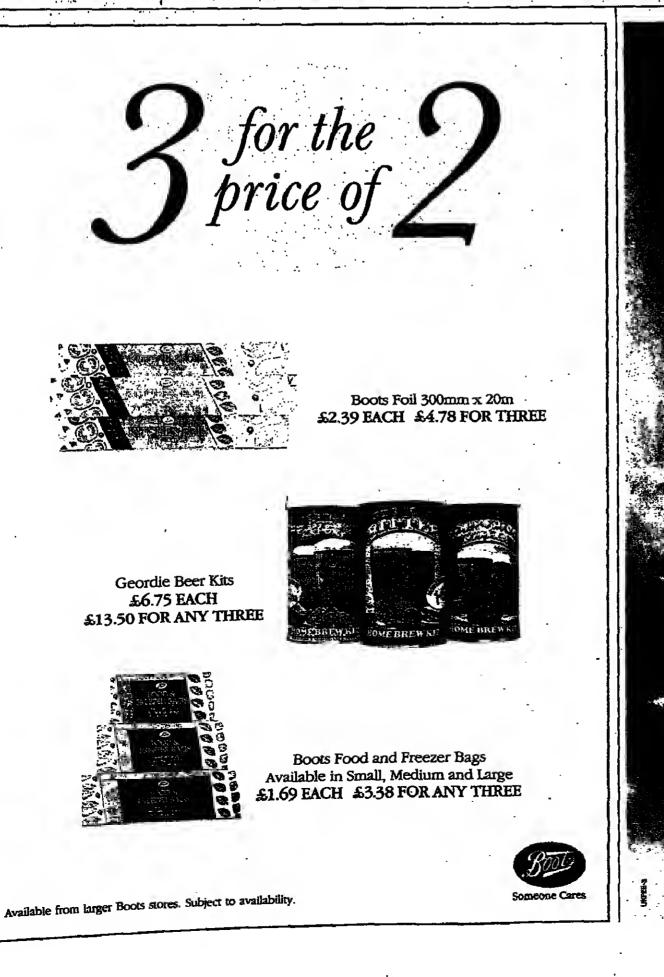
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Yeltsin's new security chief traces anti-Communist stance to childhood memory of Soviet massacre



Young Aleksandr Lebed whose father was sent to a labour camp under Stalin for arriving late at work

Gruff general reveals scars that made him

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN NOVOCHERKASSK, SOUTHERN RUSSIA

THE new Russian security chief, General Aleksandr autobiography shows, it is a Lebed, is either an honest man carefully cultivated image, but or a remarkably bad son. The one that so far appears to proof of this lies in the house correspond to reality. in the southern Russian town Attempts by General Pavel of Novocherkassk, where he Grachev, the former Defence

was born and his widowed Minister and General Lebed's mother still lives. For if he, like old enemy, to dig up evidence so many Russian generals, of corruption from his time as had made a fortune out of commander of the 14th Army stealing and selling military in Moldavia completely failed. equipment, it is difficult to believe that his mother would Even Moldavian leaders, who have few reasons to love Genstill be living in a small cottage without an inside lavatory or

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even running water. Her house is in a typical yard, lined with cottages, sheds and kitchen gardens, shaded by chestnut trees, and littered with sleeping dogs and bits of broken-down cars. The dominant scent comes from the two communal lavatories in the middle.

Neighbours expressed the hope that now General Lebed was "the second man of the

Russian State", something would be done to improve conditions. "For 30 years we've been complaining to the town administration about this yard, the lavatories, the ment in Moscow lack of water," Lyubov ordinary school in Novo-Ivanova, a resident, said. They all say, 'yes, yes', and do cherkassk, nothing Grishkova, a former teacher,

The image of General Lebed as an ordinary Russian and described him as the star of his class. His school results not part of the new elite has suggest that he was certainly one of the brighter pupils. He been tremendously important

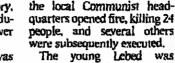
in his electoral success. As his got top marks in history. geography and physical edu-cation, and only slightly lower results in the rest.

General Lebed's nose was broken while boxing, at which he excelled. But in his autobiography he claims not to have lost sleep over this: "I'm not a girl; and anyway, at that time, I thought that a real man only had to look a bit more sympathetic than a monkey." The gruff general also describes

6 His image is of a natural fighter who is able to keep out of fights 🤊

with great approval the ex-treme taciturnity of his father. eral Lebed, admit that he was personally honest and a strict He met his wife Inna. desdisciplinarian. It remains to be seen whether these characcribed by a classmate as very attractive, when they were teristics will survive the immense temptations of governworking in a local factory before he joined the army.

In one instance, however, General Lebed's Soviet child-General Lebed went to an hood was extremely atypical. On June 2, 1962, when he was and Natalya 12, workers in Novocherkassk staged a rare protest against rising prices and falling wages. Soviet troops guarding



The young Lebed was watching the demonstration with other boys, sitting in trees on the square. He had wriggled through a window to get away from his mother, who had forbidden him to go out. When the troops opened fire. two of the boys were hit. He has spoken of how the local commander committed suicide in protest at the killings. and the misuse of the army:

"He was a true officer." General Lebed is using this episode and the fact that his father went to a labour camp under Stalin. for arriving late for work, as reasons for his siding with President Yeltsin against the Communists. General Lebed's autobiog-

raphy suggests a natural fight-er, but one who can keep out of unnecessary fights. especially now that he has given up alcohol. His election propaganda has played on the theme of a brave soldier dedicated to preventing war. However, a degree of ruthlessness is apparent, and even boasted of in his autobiography. Despite what happened in Novocherkassk, he expresses little pity for the civilian victims of Soviet operations in which he was involved



Lebed at his wedding to Inna whom he met while they worked at a factory before he joined the army

Venice mayor anguished by opera house arson finding

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

another month to complete

EXPERTS investigating the fire at La Fenice opera house in Venice five months ago have concluded that it was started deliberately, possibly by a construction firm hoping to win the highly lucrative rebuilding contract. Current estimates are that rebuilding

ledge by people who knew the theatre's layout. Initial suspicions involved performers who might have The arsonists chose their nursed a grudge; disgruntled technicians who had failed to moment well," one investigator said. There was only one get a job there; or a pyronight watchman on duty, it was a clear, dry night, alarm Now inve are focusing on a "contract racket". Another theory is that restoration firms had fallen systems had been switched off during the refurbishment, and prepared plan". nearby canals had been behind with work schedules drained for cleaning, making and were seeking to avoid it difficult for firefighters to hefty penalty payments. gain access or pump water. The blaze, on the night of Investigators draw an analogy with the fire at the January 29, almost completely destroyed the 18th-century the-Petruzzelli opera house fire in aire, regarded as a jewel of Bari, southern Italy, which European opera. The Fenice burnt down in 1991. That theatre's director went company was abroad on tour and the opera house was being was inadequate. on trial in February accused of Mad cows may have met their **Subscriptions** Waterloo FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS IN A bizarre link between the any subscription Battle of Waterloo and the beef war, the French press has uncovered a report by Victor Hugo describing how Britain used human and animal re-mains from Napoleonic battlefields to nourish its cattle. In his work Things Ob-served 1847-1848. Hugo re-corded that British farmers other daily national were grinding up bones left behind from the carnage at Leipzig (1813) and Waterloo (1815) to fertilise the fields of newspapers. Yorkshire. "Thus the last residue of Napoleon's victories are being used to fatten up "Al last the Irue origin of BSE has been revealed," the satirical French weekly Le For further details Canard Enchainé said yesterday. "If English cattle have turned mad, the cause is please call us FREE historical ... the cows across the Channel were nourished on flour made from old solon the following diers and war horses." About 32,000 Frenchmen died at Waterloo, with 15.000 English and 7.000 Prussian number: troops. Citing Brilish newspapers. Hugo wrote: "Several million bushels of human bones arrived at Hull from FREEPHONE the Continent' He added: "These bones, mixed with the bones of horses, have been collected from the battlefields of Aus-

plotting arson with people who had been promised the refurbished before the spring season. The rococo interior rebuilding contract. He is also was gutted, leaving only the accused of trying to claim inblackened façade and outer walls standing. Investigators have asked for

surance money to repay debts . to the Mafia, which allegedly helped to sel fire to the

building. Massimo Cacciari. their report. But preliminary findings suggest the fire was set with skill and inside knowthe Mayor of Venice, said that will take three years - and cost at least £66 million. accusations of arson at La Fenice were terrifying, adding: "I cannot imagine who could have done such a thing." The inquiry team, led by Felice Casson;-Venice's chief investigating magistrale, believes the fire was started in several places at once in a "carefully In a separate inquiry, Signor Cacciari and the theatre superintendent, Gianfraco Pontel, are being investigated for contributing to the fire through negligence. Some reports say they ignored fire prevention officers' warnings that La Fenice's protection THE The Times will match offer you receive from



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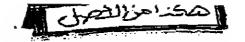
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Shadowy Muslim groups suspected of attack aimed at House of Saud BY MICHAEL BINYON

THE real target of the lorry bond at the King Abdul Aziz air base in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday was the House of Saud, that has ruled the kingdom since it was founded more than 60 years ago.

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The explosion, the most deadly terrorist attack in the Arab world since the blowing up of the Marine harracks in Lebanon in 1982, is a

Dhahran was the work of one of EXTREMISTS the militant gmups which in recent years have become an increasing declaration of war by Islamic threat to the stability of Saud extremists on America, the West-Arabia, the world's largest pit ern presence in the Arabian peninproducer.

sula frut, above all, un a reginie The likely perpetrators are two that they consider corrupt, illegiti-mate, and unfit to huld custody shadowy groups, the Movement for Islamic Change and the Tigers over Mecca and Medina, the two of the Gulf, who claimed responsibility for a similar attack last No une doubts that the tanker November, Little is known about forry humb at the military hase in their size, strength and member-

ship. But they and uther Islamic radicals have one thing in common: hatred for a regime they helieve has brought Western decadence to the heariland of tslam. The Dhabran bomb was nnt

unexpected. After the Nuvember bomhing uf a military training and communications centre in central Riyadh, in which seven people including five Americans were killed, four Islantic militants were arrested. The Saudi Government said they confessed that they had been inspired by Muhammad al-Masari, the militant Islamic dissident living in London.

But opposition groups insisted such confessions were extracted through torrure, and gave a warning nf further attacks should the men be executed. They were, nevertheless, publicly beheaded un May 3L

The growing unrest in Saudi Arabia stems from the 1991 Gulf

War. King Fahd's decision to accept a large allied furce, mustly American, was seen by conservatives as sacrilege, polluting the holy land with the presence of infidels and engaging non-Mus-lims to join in a war against fellow Muslims. The sudden influx of Western forces and custums, including the presence of unveiled umen, angered the extremists. The war also prompted political rumblings. Why, it was asked, was

Saudi Arabia spending so much un arms when it could not defend itself unaided?. The huge bill. which Riyadh is still paying, alsu led to a short-term cash crisis, bankrupting many small business es and provoking criticism not only of the lavish spending uf the 4,0000-strong Royal Family, but of the dominance of the House of Saud, especially among tribal rivals previously bought off by prosperity.

America pledges to keep military presence in Gulf

most holy places in Islam.

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CURRESPONDENT AND IAN BRDDIE IN WASHINGTON

AFTERMATH

Mr Clinton said they alerted

an American patrol and began

warning occupants of nearby

buildings. As the patrol ap-proached the vehicle, two men

umped from the cab and fled.

Within a couple of minutes,

the bomb exploded. No person

responsibility.

group had claimed

It can be argued that Ameri-

ly stringent anti-terrorist

precaucions, even after the

World Trade Centre and Okla-

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crete barriers and frequent

patrols had been installed at

the Dhahran base after terror-

ists drove up to the door of a

Saudi military training head-quarters in Riyadh in Novem-

ber and exploded a car bomb.

Five Americans and two Indi-

ans were killed.

AMERICA vowed is would not leave the oil-rich Gulf and placed its many personnel there on maximum aleri vesterday after a lorry bomb ripped through a Saudi Arabi-Clinum gave an official acan military complex housing foreigners, killing at least 19 Americans and seriously count of the bomhing, explaining that Saudi police were immediately suspicious of a wounding 64 others. In all, petrol tanker which pulled up almost 400 people were treatoutside the security perimeter ed for light injuries. of the US base.

Tuesday night's no-warning blast was the most deadly attack on a US target in the Middle East since the 1983 suicide bomb against a barracks in Beirut killed 241 marines and drove the American military out of Lebanon. In scenes of devastation cerily reminiscent of that at-

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rescue workers eqipped with uished by cranes and buildozers yesterday continued the search for survivors from the eightstorey residential complex on in finding the King Abdul Aziz Air base in Khobar, near Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia.

Nearby was a crater 35ft deep and 45ft wide left by the blast, which was caused by an estimated five tonnes of explosive loaded on to a 5,000gallon fuel lorry.



35 yards from the barracks. The 5.000lb-force of Tuesday's explosion sheared off the from Speaking at the White of the high-rise building. House vesterday, President Willium Perry. the US De-

fence Secretary, claimed on American television yesterday that without the barriers there would have been "many, many more fatalities". Nnrman Schwarzkopf, the

retired US Army general, commanded the American-led coalition based in Saudi Arabia during the 1991 Gulf War. As rescue workers dug frantically with bare hands in the blistering desert heat yesterday, he told NBC television: "1 think it would be a tragic mistake if we were to pull, pitch and run. We have to show them that we are toughcans still do not take sufficient-

er than they are." Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, confirmed there were no plans to reduce the American military presence, saying: "It is a fundamental tenet of American foreign policy that our presence in that part of the world helps limit the conflict and the

tension that does exist." After talks in Jerusalem with Warren Christopher. the US Secretary of State, who later flew to visit survivors, Israel's President Weizman blamed Iran for the attack. Other regional security experts said it was more likely to have been Sunni Muslim Saudi fanatics trained in Af-

ghanistan and known as "The Afghanis". There are 2,900 Americans at the Dhahran base, including pilots flying in "Operation Western task force keeps daily watch on Iraq

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE King Abdul Aziz airbase at Dhahran has been the centre of American-led coalition force activities since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

However, so sensitive is the continuing presence of US,

under the direction of US Central Command. The force is commanded by Major-Geninspections.

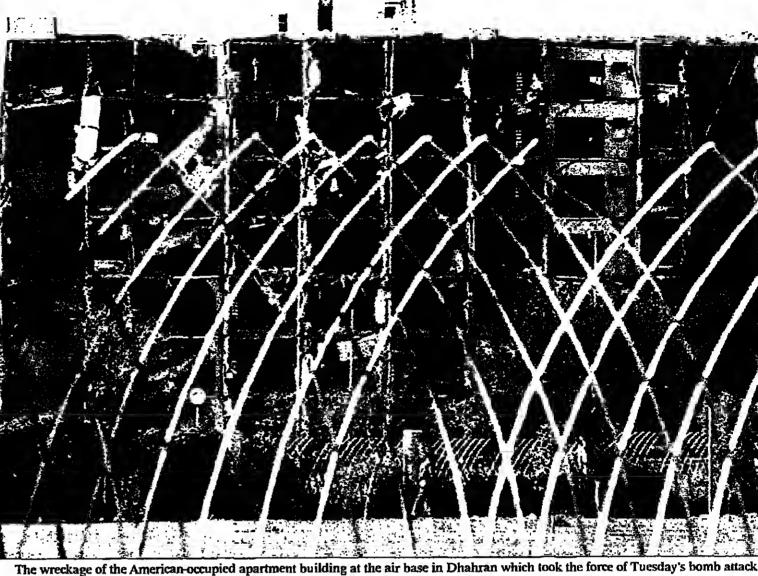
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conducting an air campaign against traqi targets if Bagh-dad needs to be compelled to Tornado GRI bombers and about 200 RAF personnel at the base. France has six comply with United Nations Mirage 2000 and 110 air force personnel. Their servicemen sleep in blocks about 300 yards from the American accommodation building which took the full force of the bomb

on Tuesday night. There were

serious concerns last night over the security breach. Western diplomatic sources in Saudi Arabia said the perimeter was normally heavily guarded and yet the terrorists were able to park a lorry bomb within 35 yards of the accommodation compound, known as Khobar Towers.



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G7 vow to pursue terrorists

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FROM PHILIP WEBSTEP IN LYONS AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

JOHN MAJOR and President Clinton will discuss today international measures to track down the perpetrators of the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The Prime Minister will repeat the offer, made immediately after the bombing, for British assistance in the search for those responsible. He is also planning to bring Mr Clinton up to date on the latest developments in the Northern Ireland peace pro-cess after the Manchester bombing and to urge him to maintain the tough line he has taken against Sinn Fein.

The two leaders are to hold urgent talks in Lyons this afternoon shortly before the Group of Seven summit of the world's leading industrial na-tions gets under way.

The Dhahran blast has propelled terrorism up the agenda of the three-day gath-ering. Mr Major and Mr



A security sniffer dog at the G7 building in Lyons

Clinton are preparing to consider the effectiveness of proposals demanded last year at the G7 summit in Nova Scotia for better co-operation and the states such as Iran and Iraq. measures agreed at the interdrug smuggiers, those who deal in weapons of mass destruction and terrorists who national summit on terrorism at Sharm el Sheikh. President Clinton, admitstrike not just in Saudi Arabia

ting he could think of little else but also in the Tokyo subway, in the wake of the Saudi on the streets of London, in bombing, said yesterday that Israel and in America's heartland. Usually, he said, the instigators were "in the parahe would make the defeat of international terrorism his

priority at the G7 meeting. "My first order of business

To meet these threats, he will be to focus the strength and energy of the G7 on the hoped to expand the US initiative launched at last year's continuing fight against ter-G7 summit with a package of rorism," he said in a speech on 40 recommendations to comthe White House lawn. bat terrorism and organised "I will say to my G7 partcrime. They include a "noners what I say to my fellow where to hide" extradition Americans: we cannot have agreement and new proceeconomic security in a global dures to deal with forged economy unless we can stand against these forces of terrortravel documents and the smuggling of illegal aliens. "Defeating these organised forces of destruction is one of ism. The United States will lead the way and we expect our allies to walk with us hand in hand. We cannot tolerate

the most important challenges our country faces," he said. Mr Major condemned the He said that the Dhahran attack underscored the strug-Saudi bombing as an appallgle of all who believe in ing act of pure evil. "I very rance, freedom and secmuch bope they find out who did it so that they can be urity. The world faced a new peril that included rogue punished," he declared.

However, the bombing is unlikely to prevent a serious dash between Mr Clinton and most of the other leaders over proposed American sanctions that could damage companies doing business with Libya. Iran and Cuba.

Mr Major will be among those protesting strongly to

lysing grip of religious, ethnic Mr Clinton about the "extra-and racial haired". Mr Clinton about the "extra-territorial" effect on the proposals for legal action in America against foreign com-

panies and their executives. The European Union summit in Florence last weekend threatened retaliation against America over the so-called Helms-Burton law which would punish non-US companies doing business with Cuba and similar legislation dealing with Iran and Libya. Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, told Mr Clinton last week it was wrong for America to attack its partners to reach its adversaries.

Although the summit com muniqué almost certainly will fudge the sanctions dispute, President Chirac of France, Helmut Kohi, the German Chancellor, and Jean Chréraise their objections.

President's intentions over the

tien, the Canadian Prime Minister, are also determined to A British diplomat said yestenday: We are waiting anxiously to learn of the

implementation of this law."



Paul Bocuse at his restaurant outside Lyons with his latest creation, G7 chicken, which combines specialities from the seven countries taking part in the summit-

Chef makes diplomatic entrée

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS the Third World and welfare.

PAUL BOCUSE, France's most celebrated chef, yesterday unveiled his latest culinary invention as leaders attending the summit of the Group of Seven industrialised nations in Lyons prepared to discuss the global economy.

M Bocuse will be preparing Cog de Bresse Truffe G7 d la francaise (French-style truf-fle-stuffed chicken) at his restaurant at Collooges-au-Mont-d'Or outside Lyons, as the city's chefs try to outdo one another in culinary inventiveness.

discussion of markets, jobs.

while the menu at tonight's six-course "working dinner" for heads of state, which is being produced by four three-star Michelin chefs, features such weighty matters as Ravioli de légumes de Savoie. Quenelles aux ecrevisses and Volaille de Bresse washed down with Pouilly Fuisse and

Mumm champagne. Offal, for which Lyons is famous, is notably absent from the summit menus in the light of the "mad cow" crisis. but the city is going out of its way to ensure that whatever The G7 agenda includes

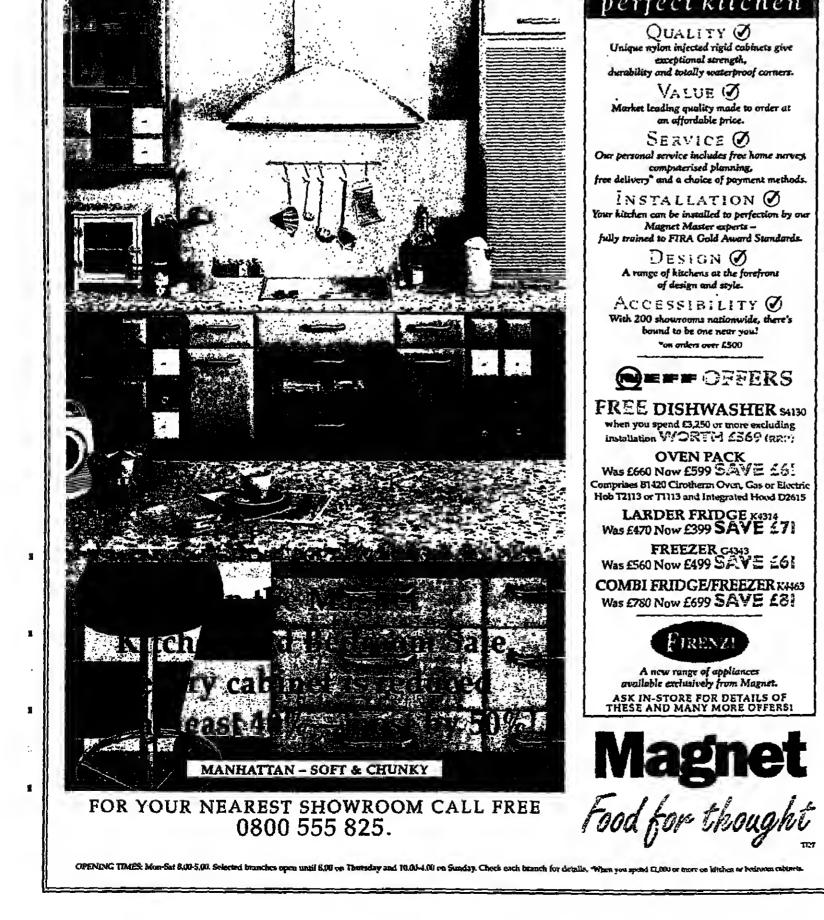
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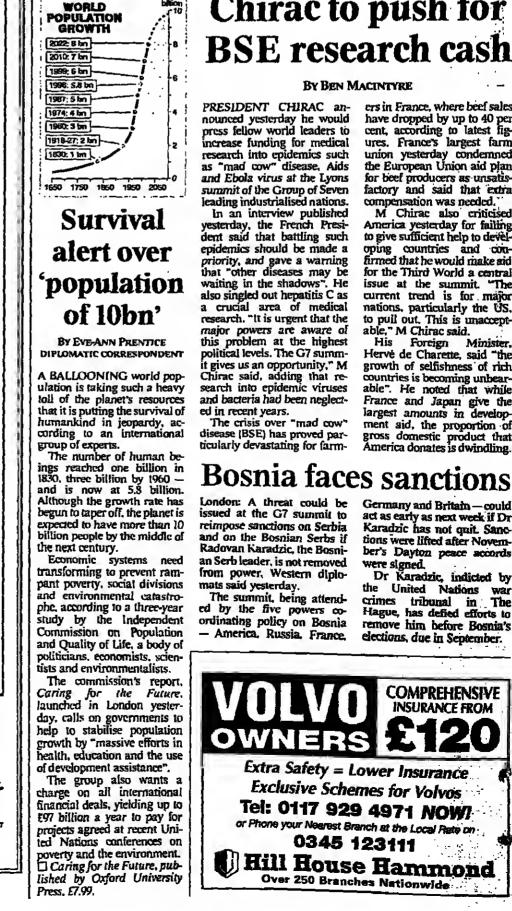
hordes of journalists and par-ticipants who are attending the three-day summit will not leave hungry. Since March the local au-

thorities have deployed 12 sanitary inspectors to ensure that local hostelries are meeting the required hygiene standards.

The inspectors found something to complain about in 83 of the 300 establishments checked, including a few isolated cases where British beef was still on offer - precisely the kind of andiplomatic entree that the city is desperate political results, the to avoid,







Chirac to push for **BSE research cash**

BY BEN MACINTYRE

ers in France, where beef sales have dropped by up to 40 per cent, according to latest fig-ures. France's largest farm union yesterday condemned the European Union aid plan for beef producers as unsatis-factory and said that extra compensation was needed.

M Chirac also criticised America yesterday for failing to give sufficient help to developing countries and confirmed that he would make aid for the Third World a central issue at the summit. "The current trend is for major nations, particularly the US, to pull out. This is unacceptable," M Chirac said.

His Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, said "the growth of selfishness of rich countries is becoming unbear-able". He noted that while France and Japan give the largest amounts in development aid, the proportion of gross domestic product that America donates is dwindling.

London: A threat could be issued at the G7 summit to reimpose sanctions on Serbia and on the Bosnian Serbs if Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is not removed

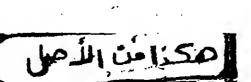
Germany and Britain - could act as early as next week if Dr Karadzic has not quit. Sanc-tions were lifted after November's Dayton peace accords were signed.

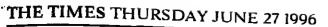
Dr Karadzic, indicted by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague, has defied efforts to remove him before Bosnia's elections, due in September.



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Voting revolution brings shock upheavals before a ballot is cast

THERE was a time when the pose. The decision to gn for rest of the world booked to proportional representation New Zealand as the pioneer of was not a confirmation of the egalitarianism and the web impulse to radicat change but tare state. Today New Zealand a reaction against it. anracis attention as the test The explanation for this is bed for an experiment in simple. What are now called ageressive the "New Right" reforms were free-marker economics. Observers abroad have been equally intrigued by

initially driven through by a Libour Government which from 1984 to 1990 - surprised another imminent change. On must of its supporters with the October 12. New Zealand speed and zeal of its abandonwhich has hitherto operated a ment at traditional Labour Westminster-style, first past policy. When disgruntled volthe post, essentially two-party ers decided they had had system - will hold a general enough, and turned in 1990 to election under a new system of the only real alternative availproportional representation called MMP. It will produce a able under a two-party system, they discovered that they parliament composed parily had jumped from the frying of cunstituency representapan into the fire. The incomlives and parily of members ing National (Conservative) Government was even more commined than its Labour

The economic reforms and the change in the electoral predecessors to the New Right system are linked, but not reforms. The voters' confusion quite in the way that the and unease at this sequence of observer might supevents was compounded by

As the British Labour Party proposes constitutional reform, Bryan Gould, a former Shadow Cabinet member, gives a warning of the unintended consequences it has brought to New Zealand

the realisation that the New possibilities, its arcane complexines are only dimly under-Zealand constitution - largely unwritten, unicameral, and stood by most voters, but they lacking in any of the usual checks and balances - offered have at least grasped that it will make life more difficult them no protection against for the politicians. being hijacked by a small Their expectations in this band of committed ideologues

who could push through far-reaching "reforms" without

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able to throw sand in the works. Offered the chance of

electoral reform, the electorate

voted for the chance to slow

down the pace of change.

Hence the appeal of being

with consensus building.

respect have already been met. Four months from the election, the political and parliamentary scene have already been transformed. The tactical manoeuvrings dictated by MMP have produced defections from the governing party that have meant coalition government is already the urder of the day. Neither main party has

MMP is one of the more bizarre uprions among PR shown much capacity to adapt

to the new situation. National, the governing party, is unlikely to win an outright majority and has been encaged in a bungled effuri to find a posielection coalition partner. It has encouraged those of its supporters who are unlikely to consoluency seats detatch themselves and form polls. separate parties. None of these

barcly legitimate offspring shows any sign of enough voter appeal to overcome the 5 per cent threshold that bars the way to list representation. Labour has done even worse. Still struggling with the legacy of its surprising record in office and having suffered an earlier leh-wing defection. Labour does not even have the comfort of waiting for government unpopularity to push the electoral pendulum in its direction. When the pendulum swings, it is likely to swing towards one of the newer parties.

The best-placed of these at present is New Zealand First a party which has hitherin been regarded as merety a vehicle for the personal ambitions of former National Cabinet Minister, Winston Peters. He has projected his party 10 a second place rating in the

The prospect of a Petersdominated government has made many people very nervous. He has campaigned on a strongly nationalist platform. making it clear that he is hostile to the inflow of overseas investment and to those, largely Asian, immigrants who bring it with them. Per-haps the only certainty is that the post-election situation will be uncertain, possibly unstable. New Zealand watchers may be in for a bumpy ride. The author is Vice-Chancellor of Waikato University.

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Greece **buries** an icon

Athens: Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Socialist party leader and working class icon, was buried yesterday as his heirs prepared for a Homeric tussle for his larger-than-life mantle (John Carr writes).

Tens of thousands of mourners followed the bier as it left the main Athens Orthodox Cathedral. Ironically, the coffin of the man who spent most of his political career fighting the military establishment, was borne to its grave strapped to a gun carriage. Four ships full of mourners sailed overnight from Crete, a socialist bastion.

Kabul barrage kills 60 civilians

Islamic militants of the Taleban militia poured more than 300 rockets and shells into Kabul, killing 60 civilians and injuring more than 100, in one of the worst assaults in their year-long siege of the Afghan capital (Michael Dynes writes). The barrage coincided with the return to he city o

Clinton aide quits as inquiry begins into files scandal

elected off national lists.

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

NATIONALLY televised hearings into the "Filegate" scanopened dramanically on Capitol Hill yesterday when the White House official most responsible announced his immediate resignation. Craig Livingstone, the 37-

Gould: political scene

is already transformed

year-old director of the Office of Personnel Security, said he accepted full responsibility for the ordering of FBI background files on hundreds of Republican officials. However, he insisted it was an "entirely innocent mistake" caused by using an out-of-date list to check people with White House access, and vehemently denied he had been digging for dirt on political foes. Mr Livingstone, near tears,

also complained bitterly at the way the media had made him an "object of ridicule" by portraying him as a beefy bouncer-turned-political henchman when he had been merely seeking to serve his country. He becomes at least the fourth member of the

Clinton White House to leave under an ethical

mer White House counsel, William Kennedy, the former associate counsel, and Mr Livingstone all offered profuse apologies to the victims of what Louis Freeh. the FBI director, has labelled "egre-

gious violations uf privacy", but all three stood by President Clinton's description of the whole affair as a "bureaucratic snafu". A fourth witness, Anthony Marceca, who was Mr Livingstone's assis-tant admined before the hearings began that he had obtained 300 more files than the 400 already known of, including those of Brent Scowcroh and Robert Gates, President Bush's National Security Adviser and CIA director, respectively. Mr Marceca's goal was to show he was

merely engaged in an indiscriminate bureaucratic process and not largeting

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But William Clinger, the committee's Republican chairman, cast the affair in a much more sinisler light, suggesting ori to pr een o ing the dirty work of someone at the top of the White House. He demanded to know why his colleagues". Mr Livingstone - "a political operative with a dubious background" - had been given such a sensitive post, who employed him, and how he had escaped dismissal despite obvious instances of misman-

agement. "Who is Mr Livingstone's patron?", Mr Clinger asked.

He noted that Mr Livingstone worked on Mr Clinton's inauguration with Harry Thomasson, a Hollywood friend of the First Couple. Afterwards Mr Thomasson began pressing the Clintons to dismiss the seven-man White House Travel Office so he could take over its business. The office staff were dismissed, allegedly on Hillary Clinton's orders, and seven months later Mr Livingstone obtained the FBI file on Billy Dale, its director, in what Republicans believe was a highly improper retrospective attempt to justify his removal An FBI official who worked at the White Hnuse just before the dismissals has told congressional investigators that officials pumped him for confidential background information on Mr Dale, and Mr

particular Republicans. ments showing the White House was engaged in an damaging information [as possible] about Billy Dale and Despite the files issue and other scandals besetting the White House, Mr Clinton continues to maintain a 20point lead over Bob Dole, a New York Times poll showed

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FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

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The girl, who was born in

unpopular in the colony.



A witch doctor casts her vote outside Durban yesterday during local government elections in KwaZulu/Natal

Inkatha brings violence to ballot box

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LINDELANI, NEAR DURBAN

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in a province fought over since vented a man from being shot the mid-1980s by supporters of by an Inkatha supporter Chief Mangosuthu, Buthelwielding a pistol. Fearful for ezi's Inkatha and the ANC. their safety police whisked the "What happened here today ANC supporters from the goes to prove that despite what

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Yet violence and killings have persisted in several areas in the run-up to polling day -13 election candidates have been killed. Mary de Haas, an academic and violence moni-tor, said that under such

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The start of the highly charged hearings were remarkable for the way past and present White House officials strove to present themselves as incompetent, the alternative being to admit that they had obtained the files for nefarious purposes. Bernard Nussbaum, the for-

IN A rare admission of serious

error, the Hong Kong Govern-

ment will today apologise for

the 12-day imprisonment of a

five-year-old Vietnamese refu-

gee girl during a breakout from a detention camp. It will

also recommend that at least

two prison officers be pun-ished for lying to their superi-

ors about keeping the child

separated from her parents.

Acting in part on informa-tion supplied by The Times.

Chris Patten, the colony's

Governor, ordered an investi-

gation leading to today's re-

port. The plight of the children forms part of the drama of the

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yesterday's local government elections, supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, urcensed by his African National Congress baseball cap, set

upon him. Within moments the two sides of rival supporters were exchanging abuse and stones and only the timely interven-

Bresnihan.

Perched on a hillside peppered with palm Irees and encircled by sugar cane, the tented polling station was set amid cement houses of Lindelani, a dusty township 40 miles along the north coast from Durban, which in recent years has come to resemble

countless other trouble spots

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is not committed to peace." claimed Thulani Gumede, the ANC candidate.

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matyar, who resumed his circumstances it was unrealisoffice as Prime Minister 30 tic to expect these elections, months after his abortive attempt to seize power from President Rabbani.

> Last Yiddish daily to close

Paris: Unzer Wort ("Our Word"), the world's last Yiddish daily newspaper, will close at the end of this month (Ben Macintyre writes). The newspaper, published in Paris since the end of the Second World War, was killed by rising costs and competition from larger French-language rivals. Several Yiddish periodicals still survive and a weekly newspaper is pub-lished in the United States.

Diana Ross's brother killed

New York: The decomposing bodies of Arthur "T Boy" Ross, 47, the brother of the singer Diana Ross, and an unidentified woman were found in a dilapidated suburban house in Detroit with three starving



















Peking: Chinese judges sen-tenced 769 convicted drug specify how many had been to find his daughter. given the death peoalty but, Mr Bresnihan said yesterin Pampiona, stating that the criminals to be executed or imprisooed for life at 62 mass in common with other agen-cies, reported that at least 50 day the officers' punishment had not yet been decided. Tour was not welcome in "Euskal Herria", the nationalrallies to mark internatiooal ist name for the Basque people had been immediately drug day yesterday, the state-Wall of steel, page 18 dent of the Swedish parent country. executed. (AP) run Xinhua ocws agency

Hong Kong apology for jailing child **Tour cyclists** Madrid: The Basque terrorist group Eta yesterday threat-ened attacks against competi-Hong Kong's parents that she was missing, knew that she tors in this year's Tour de had been taken to a prison France if the organisers do when she was found wandernot "recognise the identity of ing outside the camp during the Basques as a nation" before the race begins on breakout. These officers lied to their superiors, who Saturday (Tunku Varathen wrote a report for Mr

> The parents contacted Pam Baker, a British lawyer in Hong Kong who wrote to Mr Bresnihan. He was also given of a week-long truce, was made in a letter to the Tour's letter written by Hong Kong's father to Amnesty International, saying he had director in Paris, Jean Marie appealed in vain to the guards Leblanc. Hondreds of posters have also appered on streets

daraian writes). The threat, which came a day after Spain's parliamentary political parties unanimously rejected an Eta offer

ASTRA AB, the Swedish drug company, sacked its American chief executive yesterday after allegations that he embezzled \$2 million (£1.3 million), pressured female workers into having sex and fostered a corporate culture of hard partying. Astra also dismissed a sec-

ond executive, and two others resigned. The company said it was co-operating with govern-ment agencies investigating the charges.

end an unfortunate and dislastehul chapter in the history of Astra USA," said C.J. Johansson, executive vice-presi-

US boss sacked over

sex and fraud claims

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WESTBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

"Today's action brings to an

company. Lars Bildman, who was suspended in April as president and chief executive of Astra USA, was sacked without any financial compensation, the company said. Bildman went to great lengths

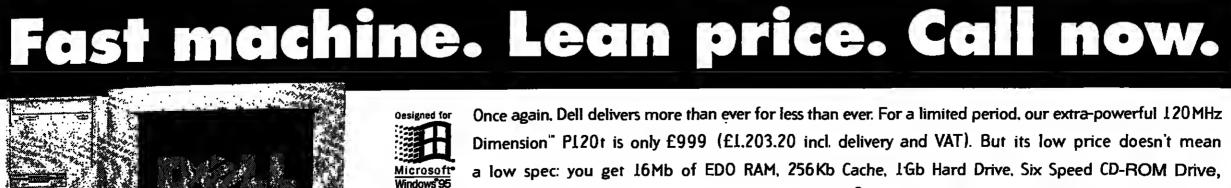
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ainst the company, saying Mr Bildman fondled them or pressured them for sex. In May, Business Week magazine reported on a corporate culture of hard partying, allegedly fostered by Mr Bildman.

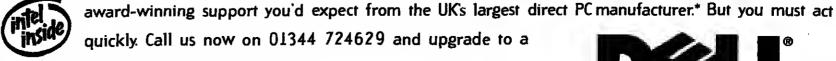
Mr Johansson said Mr to keep his behaviour secret.

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pit bull terriers (Tom Rhodes writes). The couple had been suffocated and police are seek ing two people who had rented the house.



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Why the elderly do best in their own house Home sweet home

THE IDEA that a judge could be loved by the general public would surprise old-fashioned lawyers and their clients, but Lord Denning, the former Mas-ter of the Rolls, has a special place in the country's affections.

Lord Denning is 97 and, as he proudly adds, a third. At the end of life, as in the nursery, every month counts and is recorded. Despite his age Lord Denning talks as fluently as ever about his long life his childhood, schooling, the army on the Western Froot in the First World War, and the law. He still remembers, and describes with remarkable clarity, his visits to

his mother's bome in Lincoln. For although he was brought up in Wessex. and still speaking with a Wessex burr. it was his mother who, hardened by east-coast winds, was the dominant force in his early family life

Lord Denning is becoming physically frail but is still independent. He is able to walk for a few steps in the garden each day with the help of a stick in one hand, and his other arm held by a helper. The former judge's life centres on his house, where he claims to have the best private law library in the country. At home he enjoys entertaining his friends and family in his drawing-room, and still insists on goiog upstairs to bed. Unfortunately all three rooms - his library, his sitting-room and his bedroom - around which his days revolve are on different levels, and separate flights of stairs have to be negotiated to go from one to the other.

For a man who was a Royal Engineer and had built bridges and tunnelled in dark trenches on the battlefield during the final advance in France after August 1918, the problem of the stairs didn't seem insur-mountable. Lord Denning decided that if he

have to invest in stair lifts, and his house now has three which transport him in safety from his books to his friends or to bed. Fractures from accidents in the home are a constant threat to older people, and their seriousness is underrated. No part of the house is more dangerous MEDICAL than its stairs and steps; the installation of the lift reduces BRIEFING this danger. The statistics of falls are frightening. Usually it is the hip which breaks, and between 12 and 20 per cent of Dr Thomas Stuttaford these patients die within a year.

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the greater the age the greater the mortality. But many of those who survive both the fall and surgery are thereafter unable to live without nursing help. The Dennings are a loog-lived family. One brother was killed 80 years ago this month

on the Somme while serving in the Lincolnshire regiment, and another was killed in the Navy: but of those who survived the war, one become a general who lived to be 95 and the other, an admiral, died when he was nearly

There are many similar families, and people, who have every hope of punishing their pensioo funds, and being happy and fulfilled, if only they can find the right place

to spend their old age. The increasing cost of living in old people's bomes, which under the new regulations can devour a lifetime's savings as well as the cash from the sale of the family house in a year or two, makes modification of an existing house so that fraility may be accommodated a financial as well as medical priority. Living at home, with friends and family visiting, books to read and a garden to admire, will keep Alzheimer's at bay by providing the necessary intellectual stimulation.



Jackie Jack today and, below, in her Sixties modelling heyday: "Life's too short to be angry. I have a wonderful family and millions of friends"

United in the war on cancer

A Sixties model is one of a group refusing to give in to myeloma. Jeremy Laurance reports

he has appeared on catwalks agreed to be interviewed in front of the across the world but today Jackie Jack is on a different stage. She is not pouting at the camera, sashaying down the street or swinging thigh-high boots across the arm of a sofa. She is describing what it is like to confront her own mortality.

Jackie has myeloma, a rare cancer of the bone marrow, and so does her audience - 300 fellow sufferers and their spouses meeting for the first time at the Royal College of Physicians. fractures in two years. Every time I Theirs is a unique bond, a compulsive appetite for information that might help in their battle for life. As a fashion model in the 1960s, Jackie - née Bowyer - was equally dazzied by the flashy glamour of East End 'I am verv hoodlums and the opulent style of West End aristos. She drank cocktails in New positive. York with the Queen Moth-er and waterskied in St You have Tropez with the Great Train to take

audience by Professor Anthony Clare, giving a live performance of the BBC Radio 4 programme In the Psychiatrist's Chair.

How had she felt when she learnt she had cancer? "I am a very positive person. There are many things in life you can't change - you can only help them. You have to take things as they come.

But the diagnosis must have come as



X-ray workers and their offspring



phers and others working in X-ray departments take great precautions to avoid unnecssary exposure to radiation. Everyone in contact with Xrays wears protective cloth-ing and shekers behind screens during the

taking of the film.

It has been feared for at least 40 years that the possible danger of radiation might not only affect those who work with X-rays ---Madame Curie was one of the early casualties - but also their children.

Research workers have recently investigated the health of the children of more than 6,500 radiographers and have published their survey in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

The results of the research are reassuring. The children of radiographers seem to be no more likely than those born to comparable groups to suffer from congenital malformation, from leukaemia or from other childhood malignancies. The absence of any correlation between radiogram

RADIOLOGISTS, radiogra-ANAL fissures are rarely, if ever, discussed in the health pages of magazioes or newspapers, yet they are frequent-

their doctors. These acutely painful anal tears or ulcers bleed and cause the muscles of the sphincter to go into spasm, which increases the discomfort and prevents its healing.

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As a first line of treatment the patient is given mild lazatives such as Fybogel and bland suppositories, Local anaesthetics were once commonly prescribed but these can result in rashes and other problems of sensitivity. Previously if the fissure became chronic, surgery was recommended. The surgeon cut a few muscle fibres in the sphincter so that spasm was prevented and the tear could heal.

The British Journal of Surgery has recently reported an alternative treatment. Instead of cutting the muscle fibres, the patient is prescribed an ointmeot containing glyceryl trinitrate, usually used to control

а спика hood disease applied equally well whether the radiographers were working full or part-time.

fissure heals. The trial was a small one but the results were considered good enough to warrant more extensive research.

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Robbers. Her husband, Peter Scott - the second of things as four - was a cat burglar who earlier this year pubthey come' lished his autobiography, Gentleman Thief.

"Modelling was a different sort of business in those days. There was a pub in Belgravia called The Star. You'd see the Burtons in there, Richard Harris, an inspector from Scotland Yard in one corner, a burglar and a model in another."

Jackie, whose looks were once compared to those of the Italian filmstar Claudia Cardinale, was Vidal Sassoon's house model and did long seasons at Harrods. When her career wound down in the 1970s she had a baby - the first of three - and devoted herself to her family. Then, in 1993, mytiuma st uth.

Myeloma is a fatal cancer. There is no cure. It affects more than 3,000 people in the UK each year. Some die quickly while others survive for many years. But every sufferer knows the bell is tolling

It is how sufferers cope with this knowledge, and with the disease, that differs. For this event, Jackie has

coughed or sneezed I would break another rib. I was fed up dragging myself round private specialists. I thought, oh well, at least I've got something." Was she angry? "Life's

too short. I have a wonderful husband and a family and millions of triends. There is no point in not making the most of it."

Her turbulent life has given her the emotional strength to deal with this crisis. Yellowing newspaper cuttings from the 1960s reveal a woman who played fast and loose. On one occasion she was prose-cuted for obstructing police officers

chasing her errant husband by cling-ing to a door. "I've had a lot of hassle and upset, but if I have a problem on Monday, by Wednesday 1 am looking for the next one." It is a bravura performance deliv-

ered with zest and good humour. But as Dr Clare invites comments from the floor, the atmosphere is subdued, as if no one can quite match Jackie's feelgood attitude.

We were surprised by the lack of criticism," says Dr Ray Powles, in charge of the myeloma unit at the Royal Marsden hospital, London, and organiser of the conference. "Perhaps people felt they wanted to be positive because this is the first time such an event has been held outside the United states. The idea is to help sufferers and their families to become more actively involved in the decisions that are taken about their treatment and care."



Members of the International Myeloma Foundation flew over from America to help the Royal Marsden to organise the event. Susi Novis, its president, whose husband Brian was co-founder of the foundation before his death from myeloma aged 33, says: "When my husband was diagnosed we knew nothing about the disease. We thought, what the hell is it and what do we do about it? Then, later, we thought, wouldn't it be a great idea for patients to meet with the professionals to

The foundation has now held six seminars throughout the US. Such has been the enthusiasm for the idea that a dozen American sufferers flew here

share the British emerience Ms Novis says: "You can see that you are not alone. The way to feel better as a patient is to find out about the disease so you can make choices. But everybody's agenda - what they want out of life - is different."

Encouraging news that a cure may be in sight comes from Dr Powies. Until ten years ago, no one with myeloma went into remission. Now half of all patients at the Marsden do. "In all the blood cancers the starting point for a cure was getting patients into remission. Then you can start to devise strategies. We are where we were with leukaemia in the 1970s, and we would expect a cure to follow."

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Closing ranks on Eton's outcast

Was Anthony Chenevix-Trench fired as Head Master because he indulged in the cane and the bottle? Marcus Scriven reports

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ugly and unexported, appeared two years ago. It was then, in an authorised history of Eton. that its Vice Provost, Tim Card, disclosed that the late Anthony Chenevix-Trench had not resigned as the school's Head Master - as had been claimed at the time - but had been forced out.

Eton's Fellows, Card explained, had come to believe that Chenevix-Trench was irredeemably flawed by a predilection for the cane - made harder to mask by his liking for the bonle. "He regarded corporal punishment not as the last resort but almost as the first," wrote Card, who

recorded that he had once been

heard to remark:

A good thing the

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know about this."

His presence at the

school threatened

scandal. So he had

His former pu-

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Shrewsbury, Brad-

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Bosworth, said his Head Mas-

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Now Mark Peel, a master at

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menus by minor reforms. Born in 1919, Chenevix-Trench was reading Herodotus at six: ten years later, he won a scholarship from Shrewsbury to Christ Church. At school, where he was an

he epitaph, belaied, rowed for his college, the young man made light of the fact that he was only 5ft 4in tall. He joined the Royal Artillery and after the fall of Singapore spent three years as a POW, six months on the Burma Road, sustaining himself by translating A Shropshire Lad into Lann.

Those who met him on his return to Oxford found him a highly sociable, effervescent man, able to survive on very little sleep. He took an outstanding First, before returning to leach at Shrewsbury. He proved an inspirational master: theatrical and innovarive - sometimes beginning a sixth-furm lesson with Swinburn or 'He was Housman, "before branching out into not, dare I Ovid. Thucydides or Homer, quoting reams of their lines say it, a verbatim" - lucid

and patient, and always demanding complete commitment from those in his charge. Christ Church was ecstatic when

it lured him back in 1951, boasting: "We have secured as our new permanent Mods don, in succession to his old tutor Mr Page, the one man we thought of as a worthy

successor." But within a year, frustrated that he could not shape his undergraduates' destiny in the way that he could a sixth former's, he returned to Shrewsbury as a housemaster, declining an invitation to be Headmaster of Charterhouse. By 1955, he had been appointed Headmaster of Bradfield. Eight years later, it was announced that he would succeed Robert Birley at Eton. Expectations were im-

mense. Trench had by then become renowned beyond the public school and Oxbridge world: Anthony Sampson made special mention of him while discussing headmasters in his Anatomy of Britain: and he was the only one to be appointed to the Robbins conmittee on higher education.



Happier days: Anthony Chenevix-Trench with his wife Elizabeth and their two children in 1958, left; and in his study as the newly installed Head Master of Eton in 1964

believe I have met a prophet, a practical, pragmatic teacher, who has it in his heart to inspire and transform our society through our children." Yet disaster followed. At Bradfield, Chenevix-Trench had always set great store on knowing every boy in the school. At Eton (with 1,200 pupils) this was not only impossible, it was also resented by the housemasters who enjoyed great autonomy. In these circumstances, his insecurity, his need to be liked, at the school.

was disastrous. On occasions, he promised the same job to two or more masters; he wavered too long over decisions, and, having made them, failed to seek out sufficient support to ensure their implementation. According to Mark Peel, the

defining moment of his time at er, and at Oxford, where he the Daily Mail, in 1963: "I when he failed to convince his diminutive stature gave

masters that the school should abandon the tail coat, despite having assured the sixth form that its disappearance was imminent. "I want brilliant young men from the East End," he had said of his intention to do away with the Eton caste. "How can I expect them to wear a tail coat?" The incident seems to have wounded him deeply, if only

because it impressed upon him that he was an outsider the first Head Master who had been neither pupil nor teacher

ne OE of the time recalls: "He wasn't, dare I say it, what l'd call a natural Elonian Head Master. He didn't have that easy manner which ... is the distinguishing mark of the Old Etonian." first ti

him pause for thought. On more than one occasion, he was mistaken for the butler. His nickname, Chummy, was more likely to be overlaid with mild contempt than affection. The spectrum of Etonians is wider than I had expected," he once said. "The best are beyond praise. The worst are more bloody than one could

possibly imagine." His other reforms were better judged than his attempt to do away with the tail coat: subjects like English and geography were encouraged; boys were obliged to attend one service in chapel rather than two; a form of social service was introduced, with Etonians visiting the elderly or teaching immigrant children.

Inevitably, though, while these developments appeared intolerable to the old guard.

Sixties. One recalls: "Everythe worse for drink, it was enough to persuade the Felthing was being questioned, lows that he had lost his grip. We all wanted to grow our hair, we all wanted to smoke In 1969, a lener to parents dope, to listen to the Rolling announced his "retirement". Stones playing in Hyde Park.

He was on shifting ground but ust how much Chenhe had to hold the line." evix-Trench's taste for In the end, it was unruliness corporal punishment in one house, leading to the counted against him expulsion of three boys, which may never be known, Accordproved Chenevix-Trench's uning to Peel, there will certainly never be any agreement about doing. Rather than remove the housemaster, he offered Eton's what inspired it. "There are Provost, Lord Caccia, his own those who thought that it was resignation. Caccia brushed it simply what happened at the aside. When trouble flared in time: there are those who the house again, he sacked the thought that he enjoyed it but housemaster. Walls were emso what? And there were those blazoned with slogans dewho thought there was something more sinister in it." that Chenevixmanding Peel's own conclusion is that Trench go.

was characteristically there was "legitimate crincism: he would mix justice maladroit management and, taken with the rumours about with enthusiasm". It does not, however, eclipse his propensity to beat his

fervently in the capacity for good in all those whom he taught, and who so often helped them to release it.

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Chenevix-Trench died, aged only 60, at Fettes a few weeks before he was due to retire. His abrupt departure from Eton had tainted his name with failure. But his career is more fairly judged by his many unheralded successes, when, in Peel's words, he found "the illusive spark which enabled each individual to find his special work".

Among the many former pupils at his funeral was David McAree, who flew back for it from the Far East, McAree's First at Oxford must have given Chenevix-Trench special satisfaction: it was only at his insistence that the boy had been accepted for Fettes, after

another school expelled him.

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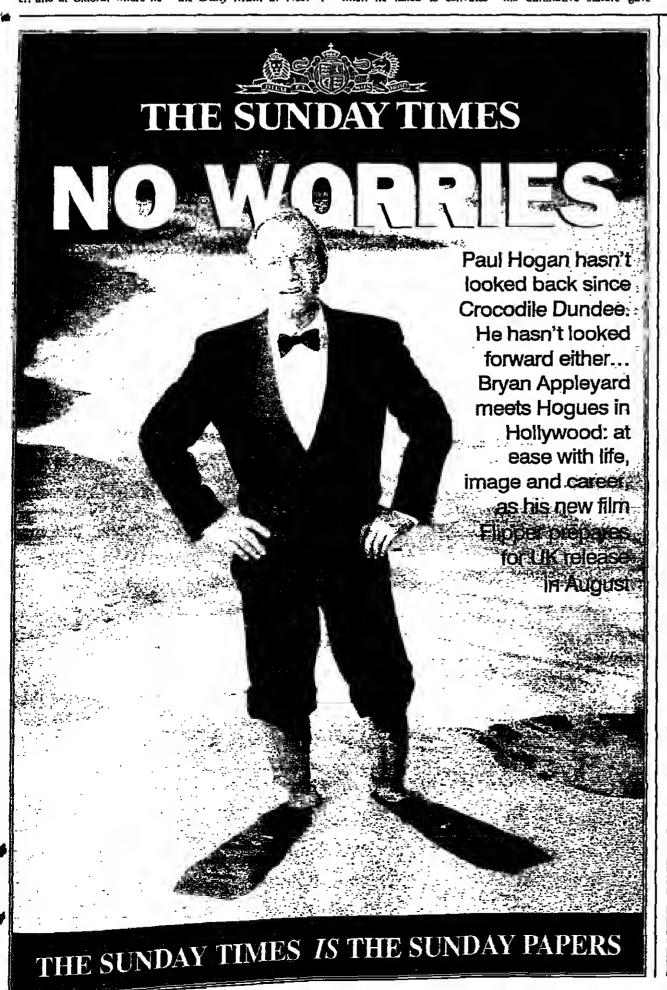
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Doubting Tony's fatal referendum

Magnus Linklater on Blair's retreat from Scottish devolution

about the Union. Whenever he speaks about it - and he does so with increasing frequency -he is almost embarrassingly passionate. Defending the United Kingdom against the assaults of the reformers may be, for him, a relatively new cause (it was recommended to him by Ian Lang after the election in 1992), but like many a convert, he has embraced it with enthusiasm. This is one basic he is always happy to go back to.

The late John Smith was just as fervent about the need for change. His commitment to Scottish devolution was fundamental, and he used to surprise his colleagues by making it his central theme on unexpected occasions. Tony Blair, however, is less certain. It is a policy he has inherited, and which he has dutifully endorsed, but about which he has honest doubts. Not the least of these is whether it can be made to work. Hence the suggestion, which will become clearer today, that there might have to be a referendum on devolution within a few months of a Labour election victory. The idea would be to offer the voters a

clear choice on a Alarm bells constitutional issue. The idea may not will be quite so crudely spelt out by Donnow be ald Dewar and George Robertson ringing in today, or by Tony Scotland Blair tomorrow. It is just one of many which is expected to

emerge from the inquiry that Lord Irvine of Laing has been be almost wholly English. There may be a couple of seats carrying out into constitution-al reform. But however it is to be grabbed back in Scotland, but that will be a small dressed up, it is likely to go down in Scotland like a lead expansion compared to the new element brought in by a Labour majority in England Very few of these new memballoon. It will be seen less as a robust response to John Major's line than as a way of bers will have devolution on appeasing the "devo-sceptics" their minds. They will be exerin Mr Blair's own ranks. It cised about employment, the will raise the awful spectre of economy, the health service. the last such referendum, in, 'The last thing they will want to 1979, which is still rememdiscuss is the minutiae of the bered by many as a Labour West Lothian question, or betrayal. And it will confirm English regional assemblies.

here is no doubting the strength of John Ma-jor's feelings these days programme. If the voters don't want it, they have a means of registering their views. The details will then rest in the

hands of politicians. So why is Mr Blair introducing an extra dimension to a debate that is already in full spate? There are, of course, respectable reasons, and these will doubtless be elaborated by him tomorrow. The move will be presented as a way of throwing open the debate on a complex constitutional issue, with a White Paper or some such device allowing the electorate to think carefully before

deciding whether it wishes to take such a drastic step. At the same time, the move will be presented by the spin-doctors as a way of wrong-footing the Tories, depriving them of the advantage they have gained recently by banging on about the drawbacks of the "tartan tax". And behind the scenes, it will be used as a means of pacifying those English MPs who are growing in-creasingly uneasy about the parliamentary time that will be needed to pilot through the legislation, and by the divisive arguments over the exact relationship between Westminster and Edinburgh, or

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It is perhaps this

last question that has convinced Mr

Blair that a holding

operation may be necessary. If the Labour Party wins

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"THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EASIER WAY ...

Mandela's party is over

resterday's election in Kwa-The Government in post-apartheid Zulu/Natal completes the

process of electing post-apartheid assemblies in South Africa. President Nelson Mandela's visit to Britain next month will largely be a celebration of the transition from white supremacy to black majority rule, and of his leadership of the African National Congress (ANC). This is natural. The apartheid system was violent and unjust, and caused great inefficiency as well as much social suffering. It was also unstable. From the beginning, in the late 1940s, independent observers concluded that the apartheid structure could not survive. Most observ-ers expected it to end in revolution and bloodshed.

There remains in the West a warm glow from having seen justice triumph over injustice, and there is, as there should be, great admiration for Nelson Mandela himself. That has led people to misunderstand both the strengths of the old regime, and the weaknesses of the new one. No one wishes to appear an apologist for racism and fascism.

Yet the apartheid regime, however

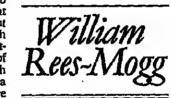
South Africa is refusing to face reality

Black productivity under the apart-heid managers was generally higher sons. Last December, Boston Univerthan it is now.

When a modern tyranny comes to an end, there may be a choice between the Gorbachev and the Deng Xiaoping models, between giving pri-ority to democratic or to economic liberalisation. In South Africa that choice may never have been a real one. If the whites had tried to follow the Chinese model, and had seriously attempted to continue political apart-

Indeed, that is to some extent what they did try, but events moved much faster than expect-ed. The ending of apartheid in South Africa was, as a result, much more

ments. It put Britain in 14th place, with France 13th and Australia 15th. South Africa came 35th. It could perhaps be worse, but the detail was more depressing. "Of the 38 tech-niques evaluated South Africa rates lowest of 41 countries in 29, and next to last in seven." Apartheid left behind two particuheid while dismantling economic apartheid, they would have been for-ced to give up their political control. larly damaging legacies. South Afri-ca is underskilled, with only 11 per cent of the workforce highly skilled, and 53 per cent un-skilled. The First



rades even when they are manifestly

incompetent or wrong-headed. In so far as the ANC Government has policies to deal with these problems they are probably the wrong ones. The Government is under strong Communist influence, with Communists forming 30 per cent of the Cabinet and something like 50 per cent of the regional parliaments. Privadsation has largely been blocked, though it is badly needed. The Communist-led trade unions have pushed through a new labour law which employers regard as seriously biased against them. In some important industries, such as gold and sugar, the trade unions have achieved a 400 per cent rise in wages, despite falling productivity. Although the Government's deficit has been cut, it is still running at around 6 per cent of gross domestic product, and the rand has been falling steadily on foreign exchanges. There has also been a terrifying rise in crime. Johannesburg's police, chief was recently quoted as saying that South Africa was in danger of becoming "a gangster state where hijackers, drug lords, muggers and other criminals will trample hard-

China's great wall of steel A war of religion is looming, says

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Jonathan Mirsky

To the West, it is baffling that a ... harmless resolution by the Bundestag condemning hu-man rights violations in Tibet should have soured Bonn's relations with Peking, which has cancelled a visit by the Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel. Nor does the Dalai Lama's visit to ... Germany explain Peking's reaction. The solution lies in the overwhelming importance China attaches to its vast Tibetan and Muslim regions.

Herr Kinkel's China-watchers had probably already drawn his attention to recent lethal pronouncements from China's western frontiers, which are on perpetual red-alert: "The struggle is a long-term, bitter, complex you-die I-live battle with no possibility of compromise ... We must crush the ... arrogance of enemy elements. We must destroy the soil from which they take nourishment."

This is the language of the Cultural Revolution and the Tiananmen kill-ings; it must be taken literally. This time, however, it is not aimed at political dissidents but at Muslims : and Buddhists in Xinjiang and Tibet. regions inhabited by fewer than 20 million people, a drop in China's vast sea of 1.2 billion people, but taking up

almost half its land mass. For two months Peking has been : focusing its attention on Xinjiang and Tibet. Officials in Xinjiang have called for a "Great Wall of Steel" to curb the ambitions of "splittists". This phrase was last used by Deng-Xiaoping on June 9, 1989, when he congratulated the army's senior com-manders for crushing the Tiananmen uprising by serving as a Great Wall of Steel. Splittism is also the fear in Tibet, "Prevention and eradication of the terroristic destructive activities of hostile forces," the Tibet Daily

hostile forces." the Tibel Daily warned recently, "is the new task of the struggle against splittism." Superficially, Peking seems, as the Chinese say, to be "dropping a stone on its own feet" by provoking inter-national outrage from Muslims and the millions for whom Tibet is an iter. Thisse are not ening headly for icon. Things are not going badly for China. It has weathered the failure of its clumsy bullying of Taiwan in March. Everyone has welcomed its far from watertight agreement to stop nuclear testing. It is getting its way in Hong Kong, and has signed treaties with Russia and three bordering states. Most dissidents are either in 7 exile or under lock and key.

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the suspicion in the minds of some of the party faithful that this is a way of postponing or even ditching a policy that is bristling with uncertainties. The prospect of a referendum. with some of the unionist hard-liners within the party's most senior ranks arguing against a Scottish parliament or a Welsh assembly, will strike discord just when Labour's activists should be rallying to the cause.

There is, too, a simple question to ask, namely why should a referendum be necessary at all? After all, the party choices which will be on offer at a general election could hardly be clearer. The Tories propose an unchanged United kingdom, the Nationalists are for separation, Labour and the Liberal Democrats are for devolution. That is, in effect, a ready-made multi-option referendum. Unlike the fundamental constitutional issue of membership of the European Union, over which Baroness Thatcher and Sir James Goldsmith can legitimately claim that the voter is being offered no real choice by the parties, devolution is an issue on

Yet if they are assured that all these will be thrashed out in the context of a referendum they will probably be pacified.

B ut that is not the way it will be seen in Scotland. Alarm bells will ring for those who despair at the memory of the 1979 referendum. when an amendment introduced by George Cunning-ham, the Labour MP for Islington South, stipulated that 40 per cent of the total electorate would have to vote yes before legislation could be implemented. They will point out that a majority of Scots actually voted yes last time, but that their views were ignored. They will see in any new conditions a fatal ambivalence about an apparently clear commitment. And they will wonder whether history is

not beginning to repeat itself." Memories are long in Scot-land, and Mr Blair would do well to take note of this. What is needed now is a robust defence by Labour of a reform that is long overdue and eagerly awaited, rather than a thinly-disguised device for procrastination.

hateful, had two important advantages. Because all were living under the same tyranny, the differences between black tribes tended to be suppressed. The ANC aimed to be pan-tribal in its composition, and to some extent it is. Nevertheless, as KwaZulu/Natal politics have shown, the Zulus' claim to independence in

their own area remains a threat to the unity of South Africa. Chief Buthelezi and his inkatha party are real political forces which represent the aspirations of large numbers of Zulus. The more important strength of the apartheid system was the contribu-

tion of the white elite - and that is the point which is so hard to admit. South Africa under apartheid was a Third World black economy with a First World white economy superimposed upon it. The whites were not themselves completely free, but to a large extent they lived in an openmarket, democratic society subject to the rule of law, and with a substantial measure of free speech. It was the blacks who were oppressed. This white society was able to reach

much higher standards of economic efficiency than the leadership of other African countries or of Communist countries. One measure of the efficiency was that the blacks, although oppressed, enjoyed the highest standard of living in sub-Saharan Africa.

like the ending of Communist power in Russia than like the economic reforms of China.

The economic consequences have so far been alarming for both whites and blacks. The best measure of the problem is the continued rise in South African unemployment. South Africa probably now has the highest unemployment of any substantial country. The European Union is one of the world's high-unemployment regions, with average levels above 10 per cent. South Africa's is three times as high, with statistically identified unemployment at about 33 per cent, and total non-employment at around 40 per cent on some estimates. Even this alarming level is still rising quite

sharply. Obviously, the great majority of the unemployed are black. There are several explanations, One is that the part of the economy that created the jobs was the white part. Africanisation and the transfer of power have replaced many of the white managers, but not their jobcreating ability. Another reason is put bluntly by an experienced obser-ver: "South Africa now has the lowest productivity in the whole industrial or developing world, and the most expensive workforce."

This seems to be borne out by the unemployment figures, but it is also supported by international compari-

acy is that the black people saw the first majority elections as a victory which would rapidly raise their standard of living towards that of the whites. Expectations were much too high. The economy was in a disastrous condition, much like that of the defeated European nations after 1945. The ending of apartheid presented South Africa with at least as great a challenge as Russia confronted at the end of Communism. The new South African Govern-

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ment, which has now been in power for two years, has not responded to the real needs of this situation. Problack "affirmative action" may have been inevitable, but it has replaced technically competent white manag-ers with under-skilled black managers, right up to board level. The Government does not set itself high standards of efficiency. One report states that 23 per cent of all ministerial meetings have to be cancelled because the minister fails to turn up. President Mandela himself is the father of his country, but he is, not surprisingly, often remote from the executive and administrative decisions. As President he is more like the non-executive chairman than the chief executive of his country. There is no effective chief executive. He is also excessively loyal to his ANC com-

won democratic rights into the dust". Again the situation sounds very like that in Russia. In 1994, 800,000 violent crimes were reported, including 18,000 murders, 67,000 armed robberies and 31,000 rapes. South Africa has become a dangerous place to live. and that obviously discourages foreign managers and foreign investment.

Similar warnings have been given to the South African Government by one of its best friends. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who played such an important part in the struggle against apartheid, told an audience of South African churchmen last year that the country was sliding into "nepotism, corruption, inefficiency and unpunctuality".

Governments have to deliver what they promise. South African democ- racy is a great achievement. It is now threatened by the failure of the Government to overcome these very serious economic and social problems. There is still much goodwill towards South Africa in the rest of the world, but there is little that other countries can do, unless the Government itself adopts policies which at least point in the right direction, and shows some administrative grip. Money will not help. It never does help to fund a flight from reality.

Lama in monasteries where the have been allowed for over ten years? Every country's leaders have night--mares. Behind the vermilion walls of the Forbidden City the dreams that troubled the sleep of Chinese emper-... ors still disturb the Communist Party's leaders. These include official corruption, an uneasy peasantry and an all-powerful ruler who is dying. But restive "minorioes" along the " western and northwestern frontiers "" are especially frightening. In the 8th century. Tibetan cavalrymen sacked :5the capital of the Tang. the greatest ... dynasty in Chinese history. Mongol :: and Manchu horsemen swept out of .: the Steppes in the 13th and 17th

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President Jiang agreed with Russia. Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on a policy to crush fundamentalism. Xinjiang's Muslims, who are not fundamentalists, instantly defied this concordat. In China religious defiance, or "splittism", is always a popular target. All religious groups in China have been ordered to submit to tighter central control. The Xinjiang Daily warned that "free :.

dom of religious belief is not freedom S of religion", and made clear Peking's unwavering priority: "Only under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and by following the socialist road can the various peoples of Xinjiang have a bright future." In Tibet, where Chinese repression

has continued since 1950, there is now a more cosmic dilemma for Peking: there too the Party comes before God. Eventually, the 14th Dalai Lama, born in 1935, will die. A 15th incarnation will need to be discovered and . sanctioned. This process, which can take three years, is traditionally overseen by Tiber's second holiest personage, the Panchen Lama. Personage, the Panchen Lama. king last year kidnapped the Panchen approved by the Dalai Lama; he has since vanished. Peking then "discov- :... ered" its own six-year-old "soul or child". President Jiang has personally lectured the young impostor on his duty to the Party. Last month, Mr. fiang, with undeliberate irony, inscribed a plaque for the pseudo-Panchen's monastery: "Safeguard the country and benefit the people."

Auf wiedersehen

MORE developments from the Daily Mirror bunker, where that fine young Editor Piers "Guten" Morgan is now under siege not just from readers but from his management after the paper's front-page declaration of football war on Germany.

The Mirror Group's share price slipped early yesterday on news that advertisers were pulling out in protest at the paper's xenophobic coverage of the Euro 96 football championship. And despite a rally later in the day, staff at the paper reported that Guten's survival was hanging on the outcome of the England-Germany match.

The police won't look kindly on him if we lose and there are riots afterwards," said one journalist before the game. "There has been talk of a prosecution for inciting racial hatred."

Guten was said to be twitchier than a bagful of German weasels as he watched the game at the office last night. He referred questions about his tenure to the management, and to add to his woes there is now concern for his health. For while batting at a cricket match on Sunday, he topedged a short ball on to the side of

his head and promptly called for a helmet. Two balls later, according to a letter in The Guardian, he lost his off stump. "He took no further part in the match ... I feel sure that his rational view of Euro 96 has been affected by the blow," asserts the correspondent.

 Dudley Moore, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Elizabeth Taylor



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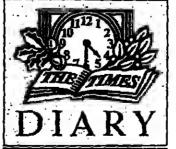
BELATED Happy Birthday to our Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rif-kind, who was 50 on the day he finalised the Florence beef deal. He was greeted with a hernia-inducing rendition of "Happy Beefday"

by fellow delegates, who are clubbing together to buy a recording by an ugly pop group, Poor Cow. Its song Sick and Tired of the B'beef Scare has been deemed an appropriate gift for Rifkind, not least for the snatches it contains of Douglas Hogg rapping on about the "selective cull restriction policy" above a

chorus of moos. Court out

MARTIN AMIS has been told to sharpen up his game, because his first service as Wimbledon reporter for the London Evening Standard wasn't up to scratch. I understand that senior executives on the paper have described his first re-

port as "too technical". He predicted that the stars of the tournament would be Agassi, Cou-

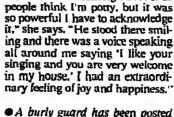


rier and Chang, all of whom were beaten in the first round. He also rated the French Open champion, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, beaten by Britain's Tim Henman. Amis's column yesterday contained no predictions. Nor any apologies.

Wren's nest

TOBY JESSEL has Sir Christopher Wren at his house in Hampton Court. The Tory MP for Wimbledon lives where the great architect died in 1723, and his ghost is haunting the place, in a friendly sort of way.

The spirit seems to have kept out of the way of Jessel himself, a man my colleague Matthew Parris believes should replace tear-gas and water-cannon to counter riots, because he is so noisy. But his wife Eira says she has seen it. "I feel



diffident about talking about it as

• A burly guard has been posted in front of Modame Tussaud's Jürgen Klinsmann waxwork in case the flighty German footballer falls victim to English fans.

Deadly jewel

EVEN the finest art dealers had to endure the cultural adjustment to football last night. Dukes and duchesses were glued to screens like the best beer-swillers when Spink & Sons, an outfit with a pedigree stretching back to 1666, threw a party for its new jewellery store. Against the old guard's wishes, Spink's had to bring in televisions for fear that customers such as the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Lord and Lady Astor and Sally Burton would insist on the football. I understand that one peer demanded beer instead of champagne, better to capture the Wembley atmosphere.

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Sally Burton: invited to Spink's to celebrate with the boys



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FLAWED REFORM

Difficult constitutional questions have not found clear answers

Constitutional Reform can seem like politics at its driest; in reality it is about power at its rawest. John Major and Jack Straw outlined rival constitutional visions last night, dressed up in appropriate historical and legal finery. But both are engaged in an auction for votes not an academic debate.

There is nothing new in this. The struggles over the Reform Bills in the 19th century were also battles of manoeuvre in which principle was often conscripted to party advantage. What is new, as the Prime Minister pointed out, is the scale of change currently proposed by Labour.

Mr Major hopes that an electorate that has had to face rapid economic change will be uneasy with dramatic upheaval elsewhere. He wants to rally anxious Conservative voters with his message that Labour will embark on large, potentially irreversible, changes to the nation's institutions. But, whatever political benefit the Prime Minister discerns, he is also right to alert citizens to what may be done in their name, if not in their interests.

As Labour's economic ambitions have been tempered to take account of reality, so its energy has been transferred to constitutional activism. Mr Straw's speech last night was addressed to Charter 88, the pressure group for a continental-style constitution which has taken a powerful position on the commanding heights of Labour policy-making. Labour is now committed to a tax-raising Scottish Parliament elected by proportional representation, a Welsh Assembly, a Bill of Rights, an appointed second chamber and a referendum on voting systems for the Commons. There are cases for each of these changes; the overall programme, would, however, create a profound alteration in the structure of the nation.

Labour leaders hope that the public distaste that they detect for all current politics may translate into enthusiasm for their future reforms. So far there is little evidence of widespread popular agitation on the scale of the Chartists or the suffragettes. Perhaps that is because it is doubtful whether an electorate with a low view of politicians thinks the solution is legislation to create even more of them.

There is a sense in Scotland, and 10 an

extent in Wales, that greater autonomy should be granted. Labour argues that if Scotland and Wales are denied assemblies then discontent with Westminster's remoteness will fester into support for separatism. It is certainly the case that a lack of sensitivity to Scotland's distinct political culture has, in the past, placed strain on the Union. But an even greater strain could be placed on the integrity of the nation by the establishment of separate parliaments in Cardiff and Edinburgh. Mr Blair's reluctance to see a Scottish parliament use its tax-

ratising powers and his apparent support for a referendum indicate an awareness on his part of how dangerous devolution could be. The creation of a new tranche of professional politicians in competition with Westminster and with a direct line to Brussels would be likely to institutionalise instability. Regionalism has been encouraged across Europe by federalists in order to wrest authority from national parliaments. The Commons may be an imperfect guardian of the nation's liberties; but its capacity to defend them would be undermined from within by the establishment of rival legislatures.

The Prime Minister accepted that there was room for improvement in the operation of the House of Commons even as he defended it in his speech last night. He argued persuasively that it was healthier for the nation to have its arguments conducted openly in an institution "ancient and yet alive" rather than have matters "settled in smoke-filled rooms". But he also conceded that the House, potent as the "theatre for the great convulsions of political history", was not as effective as it could be in scrutinising legislation. His proposals to move the Oueen's Speech to allow more time for consultation and consideration of new laws should lead to better government.

It is to be hoped that the changes outlined are in place before any future Labour government is elected. The attention they have already received have made Labour's constitutional reforms look a little threadbare. Proper scrutiny in Parliament might see them unravel. As they stand Labour's plans still constitute a flawed answer to difficult and all-important questions.

THE COMMON ENEMY

There can be no frontiers to the fight against terrorism

BRIEF LIVES IN OUR TIMES

Let us now praise famous men - not forgetting the women

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The blast that ripped the King Abdul Aziz begun this spring in response to attacks on airbase in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 Ameri- Israelis by Hamas, 10 convince Arab governments

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for quality in digital television

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June 24.

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Yours faithfully, RAY FITZWALTER

45 Loftus Road, WIZ

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From Mr Ray Fitzwaller ond Mr John Woodward

Sir, The Broadcasting Bill has its final reading in the Commons next week. While lawyers at the Department of National Heritage procrastinate over whether the Independent Television Commission does or does not have a mandate to regulate the quality content of new digital services, the future of quality television hangs in the balance.

The Campaign for Quality Tele-vision and Britain's independent television production companies want to ensure that, in selecting licensees to run our new digital multiplexes, the ITC proposals for a programme-mix that includes quality elements - such as new and original British programming, independent production and programme production from the regions - are taken into account.

There is of course a balance to be struck in setting the framework for digital television between commercial

Dubious honour for British chat TV

From Mr Harry E. Turner

Sir. Many who work in British television maintain, with honest if slightly xenophobic conviction, that it is still the best in the world (letters, June 19). It is difficult for me to be objective about a medium in which I worked for 30 years, but until recently I believed British TV talk shows were sliding into an abyss of banality, serving as cheap vehicles for second-rate actors or writers to hawk their wares or gush about their next mind-warping project. Only the Jeremy Paxman-type political interview seemed to me to carry any bite.

However, on a recent visit to New York I watched two of America's most successful talk shows several times; Tonight, with Jay Leno, and the Late with Dovid Letterman programme. To say they plumbed the shallows or scraped the barrel of mediocrity would be to heap praise upon them.

Leno is the successor to Johnny Carson, who himself was no stranger to mindless patter. Previously a standup comedian, Leno has the rare ability

Habitat II conference

From Ms C. Gwendolyn Landolt Sir, As a participant in the recent UN

conference, Habi at II, in Istanbul, I clad guarantees for national soverwould like to correct a misunderstanand respect for the cultural religious and ethical values of the member states. Parental rights were reasserted and recognition given to the family as the basic unit of society. The real significance of this conference is that the developing nations gave clear notice that they are unwilling to accept the imposition of western policies and values which, in their view, are yet another form of colonial-

Police tactics in supermarket sting From Mr C. D. H. Sharp

Sir. I have yet to see a clearer example of the long-discredited agent-provoca-teur method of detection than the one illustrated by your report, "Sainsbury's store loses licence in under-age sting" (June 25), where the police chose it to pursue what is after all only a summary offence.

This kind of approach merely provokes the commission of a criminal offence where one might not have been committed and in fact comes perilously close, for example, to an undercover police officer inciting a known criminal to steal from a store and then ar resting him for theft. Such conduct does nothing to shore

Yours faithfully, C. D. H. SHARP (Principal), Tetney, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

Sir. The response by Sainsbury's to the loss of its licence to sell alcohol at its Monk's Cross store, in York, suggests to me there is no corporate responsibility. For a spokesman to complain about the methods used by the police, and even to consider an appeal, does the company no credit.

The public surely looks to companies such as Sainsbury's to make a moral contribution to the communities in which they make their profits and, in this case, to uphold the conditions accompanying an alcohol licence

If the holders of alcohol licences are unable or unwilling to uphold the conditions laid down then the police must carry out further operations of this kind.

Yours faithfully, PAUL FREEMAN, 20 Heathwood Avenue, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire. June 25.

Counting the years From Sir Dovid Hunt

Sir, In a scientifically well-argued article in your issue of June 24, "The dawn of a new age". Mr Norris McWhirter discusses the place at which the very first sunrise of the third millennium can be seen. He gives no thought to the date of the event but merely assumes that it will be on January I, AD 2000, which is in fact the first day of the last year of the second miller nium, the last New Year's Day of the twentieth century I do not make these corrections out of pedantry. In these maners etymology and mathematics count for nothing; usage is supreme, and the whole world has firmly decided that the word millennium should denote a period of 999 years. I concur: I should only like to ask a question: suppose a writer desired to refer to a period of precisely a thousand years, what should he call it, now that the old name is unavailable?

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nificance throughout. Commercial breaks punctuate the proceedings with machine-gun rapidity. Letterman's forte is to joke incomprehensibly with the resident bandleader, a gnomish fellow with big headphones and a sad expression. My back-of-an-envelope calculations showed Letterman laughing at camera (10 per cent of the time), glancing knowingly at the bandleader (10 per

cent), actresses flirting with him (10 per cent) and commercial breaks 60 per cent (or so it seemed). The audience, howling with hysterical laughter, scored 85 per cent. I know it doesn't add up, but neither does the show. Quite a feat, though. to make Cilla Black and Des O'Connor seem positively forensic in compari-

> Yours faithfully, HARRY E, TURNER (Chief Executive, TSW Television, 1985-92), Four Acres Lake Road, Deepcut, Surrey.

However, the agreement finally reached resulted in all references to reproductive health being deleted from the document, except for a token inclusion which was qualified by iron-

House that he is firmly endorsing Campaign for Quality TelevisionI. JOHN WOODWARD (Chief Executive. Producers Alliance for Cinema

Sharp Investigations, Campaign for Quality Television Ltd, School Lane, June 25.

From Mr Paul Freeman

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cans and injuring and no amateur operation. Its force, equivalent to 5,000 pounds of TNT, blew out the building's facade and left a crater 35 feet deep. Trouble was expected. In April, four Saudis publicly confessed to planting last November's bomb al a US-run military training centre in Riyadh. Before they were executed last month, the US Embassy re-ceived threats of retaliation. Precautions had been taken. The fact remains that the bombers got through. Their capacity to do so suggests that they may be equipped and organised for further attacks.

Bill Clinton now plans to make the fight against terrorism his top priority at this week's Western summit in Lyons. As a politician's response, that is natural enough: and all Western governments, including Britain's, should review their hospitality to those who incite Middle Eastern Islamists to terrorist acts from the safety of their shores. No step should be neglected that makes the Middle East safer. But Lyons is not where America needs to concentrate its efforts.

The main need is to coordinate a more effective regional response to Islamist extremism. The bombing has been as firmly condemned by Syria's President, Hafez Assad, and by Yassir Arafat as by America's traditional allies in the Middle East. They must be assumed to be sincere; instability in Saudi Arabia unsettles the entire region, to the profit only of Iraq and Iran. This atrocity should therefore assist the American drive.

The history of a nation is defined by the lives

of its people. Today the life history of

England and then Great Britain is taken a

stage further by the publication of the final

volume of The Dictionary of National

Biography, reviewed on page 34 by Raymond Seitz. The affectionate and edu-

cated eye of the former American Ambas-

sador to the Court of SI James detects idio-

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John Aubrey to his successors in the

contemporary newspapers. Part of the

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and security for their common enemy. But for Saudi Arabia itself, this grave new challenge comes at a particularly delicate moment.

fn January, the ailing King Fahd handed over the reins to Crown Prince Abdullah, only to take them back six weeks later. Mentally as well as physically, his health is believed to have deteriorated greatly since then; he is barely seen. Unaccustomed uncertainty erodes the basis of consent by which, for all the constraints on personal freedoms and the severity with which Sharia is interpreted, the House of Saud rules.

The kingdom is redressing its public finances, but at a social cost. Unemployment and falling living standards have sharpened resentment at the unjust privileges of princes who benefit more than generously from the civil list. Reform, in this profoundly conservative society, requires an undisputed fount of authority. Prince Abdullah is an utter traditionalist; but as a "good" Muslim he is well placed to win over devout Islamists who abhor violence but are repelled by corruption in high places. He has a reputation for personal austerity, honesty and a direct touch that people identify with. But his writ will not run until King Fahd consents; and after this attack, the King may prove even more reluctant to bow out. It is dangerous for any absolute monarchy to lack, to all practical purposes, its absolute monarch. Illness in high places makes today's Saudi Arabia a vulnerable target.

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Cooper. And the brief lives are mischievous

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stories about himself were as tall as he was."

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into the New DNB early in the next

millennium. Computerised and marshalled

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the old DNB. such as women, classic mur-

The national biographers are having to

find a new job description to cope with the

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found the house of Baring Brothers. The

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From Sir Rodnev Sweetnam,

College of Surgeons of England

Sir. Your report (June 24) of a nurse

performing over 200 operations raises

wider issues than the immediately

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no law against anyone operating

The role of the nurse is rightly ex-panding as delegated authority for tasks for which they are trained are

identified. Patients, though, need

guidance if they are to give informed

consent for operations by nurses, and

other less qualified groups now taking

up the scalpel. In most EU countries

this is provided by doctors alone being

permitted to operate. In the eyes of the

public this may or may not be right, but it is high time the qualification to

perform a surgical operation was laid

It is no longer sufficient for my col-

lege to set, and do our best to main-

tain, the highest standards of surgical

care by fully qualified surgeons,

whilst at the same time, leader writ-

ers, such as your own ("The Nightin-

gale tradition", June 24, imply that

our standards are no better than "self-

serving protectionism". It is the public

that need protection, not surgeons.

The Royal College of Surgeons of

35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2,

From Mr David Tolley, FRCS,

Sir, Surgeons should welcome the de-

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nurses to assist them with the perfor-

mance of minor surgery. Such deve-

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ly in hard-pressed specialities, to con-

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One valid objection to this change.

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Yours faithfully

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June 25.

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RODNEY SWEETNAM,

holds the scalpel

In Edinburgh, we believe that we have struck a balance between the need to improve the quality of care for patients and the requirements to train future surgeons. We have successfully employed radiographers to treat over 5,000 patients with kidney stones by lithotripsy (pulverisation) in the past eight years.

Clinical audit has confirmed that the treatment carried out on these parients is at least as good as the results obtained when parients are treated by junior doctors, who spend a limited time in the department. The doctors benefit too, as it allows for more structured training in stone management by freeing them from repetitive and simple tasks. Nursing staff also participate in stone management, spending much of their time counselling pacents on various aspects of stone di-

Thus, all have benefited from this approach: the surgeon, who is able to spend more time operating and deve-loping new treatments; the trainee, whose day is spent more appropriately on training; nurses and radiographers, who feel more fulfilled as a result of their expanded role; and most of all the patient, who benefits from more individual amention and a higher standard of care.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TOLLEY, (Director), Scottish Lilhotriptor Centre, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. June 24.

Women and food

From the President of the Notional Council of Women of Great Britain

Sir. Foods scientists have suggested ("You say tomato, I say genetics", June [8] that women are more concerned than men about food containing genetically modified ingredients.

Recent findings by the National Council of Women indicate that this may indeed be so. Women, responsible for feeding the next generation, have yet to be convinced, in many cases, that genetic engineering would provide genuine benefits for the consumer.

Detailed consideration of the longterm nutritional effects of these new foods on young people would be welcome, together with a firmer commi-ment by the food industry on clear labelling information.

Further thought needs to be given to the balance between economic advantage to producers and consumer acceptance of nutritional value.

Yours faithfully, JEAN CLARK President, The National Council of Women of Great Britain, 36 Danbury Street, Islington. NI.

June 18.

ding apparent in your report of June 17, headed "Vaticun defeated on abortion rights".

It is true that intense controversy arose when Canada, the United States and the European Union introduced three elements into the Habitat document. These were references to repro-ductive health (interpreted by the UN as including abortion, contraception and sterilisation); a provision that parental rights be secondary to an adolescent's right to privacy and confidennality; and a broad definition of family so as to include homosexual/lesbian relationships. Members of the G77 group (a coalition of the 131 developing nations) raised strong objections to these provisions.

Lords and Commons

From Mr Bob Dunn. MP for Dartford (Conservative)

Sir. I find it novel that the Labour Party seems to equate the democratisation of the House of Lords with the introduction of political appointees (to replace hereditary peers) who will owe their membership of the Upper House entirely to political patronage (report, June 18].

If the House of Lords is to be reformed in part, but only to the extent that membership results from political appointment, then why bother to change a very successful model? If, however, the House of Lords is to be democratically based, then which House - Commons or Lords - is to be the superior one?

l remain, yours faithfully, BOB DUNN, House of Commons. June t8.

From Sir Kenneth Lewis

Sir, Sir Fitzroy Maclean (report and obituary, June 18) was one of many

Tennis targets?

From Mr David G. Chinn

Sir, I read with interest in your Wimbledon supplement today that the netcord judges have been replaced by electronic sensors. Apparently this is to save the judges from the danger of being struck by errant tennis balls. As play commenced, I was in-

trigued to note that the ball boys and girls are still crouching in the firing line at their accustomed positions by the net. Perhaps they are considered to be dispensable.

Yours faithfully, DAVID G. CHINN, 25 Lansdowne Road. Staines, Middlesex, June 24.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

Yours sincerely, C. GWENDOLYN LANDOLT (Chairperson), Caucus for Stable Communities, Box 8813 Station T. Ottawa, Ontario KIG 3JI. June 24.

MPs who entered the House of Commons with a background of peace and war activity separate from and unrelated to politics.

His contribution to the House was therefore a combination of independence of outlook with acceptance that in a tight situation party loyalty mattered.

The change that has taken place in recent years is simply that too many politicians are professionals. They have to achieve ministerial office because that is why they came into Parliament in the first place.

Those who select parliamentary candidates now should consider how best they can provide the House of Commons with MPs whose background, like that of Sir Fitzroy Maclean, is one of experience, maturity and achievement wider than a university campus or being an assistant researcher.

Yours faithfully. KENNETH LEWIS (Conservative MP. 1959-87). Redlands, I Uppingham Road, Preston, Oakham, Rutland. June 19.

Pipes downed

From Mr George F. H. Cullen

Sir, Lord Menuhin (letter, June 21) referred to the great Highland bagpipe as a genuine musical instrument, ideally suited to playing in the wide open spaces of Hampstead Heath.

If only the powers-that-be in British music colleges and schools were of the same mind. My 19-year-old son, who has played the pipes since he was eight, and who is a member of a prizewinning pipe band and an excellent solo player, has found great difficulty in gaining admissinn to a music degree course where the bagpipes are acceptable as an instrument. Apparently the bagpipes are too "ethnic" or esoteric to be regarded as a mainstream instrument.

Yours faithfully, G. F. H. CULLEN, 154 Fronks Road, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex. June 23.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant. DAVID HUNT, Old Place, Lindfield, Sussex. June 25.

Solstice gathering From Mr Tom Cloridge

Sir. Had the gathering at Stonehenge

for yesterday's summer solstice (re-port, June 22) been a Christian festival, would there have been a four-mile exclusion zone, and 100 police in attendance?

Yours. T. A. CLARIDGE, 53a Granada Road, Southsea, Hampshire. June 22.

Postal strike

From Mr Hugh Newcomb

Sir, Whilst there is correspondence on the subject of the postal strike (letters. June 25). I think it opportune for you to print details of an advertisement in a book I have at hand about Cranbrook at the turn of the century. "Letters posted by 8.55am delivered

in London by 2.30pm the same day -posted by 12pm delivered by 6.30pm the same day". All, I suppose, for Id.

Yours faithfully, HUGH NEWCOMB, Mount Ephraim Farm, Cranbrook, Kent. June 25.

Read all about it From Brigadier A. P. N. Currie Sir. Stepping out on Saturday morning to buy my copy of The Times, I noticed that our prize hosta had been re-

moved overnight. Returning some ten minutes later with the paper, I was brought up sharply by the heading How to foil the plant thieves". Would you please let me know what

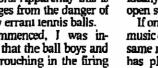
you will be featuring next Saturday. so that I can take appropriate precautitans.

Yours faithfully, A. P. N. CURRIE, Ministry of Defence, DPS(A), Room 6/65. Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, WC2. June 24.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 26: His Excellency Sir Satcam Boolell was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission 25 High Commissioner for the Republic of Mauritius in London.

Lady Boolell was also received by

Her Majesty. Mr Anthony Figgis (Assistant Under-Secretary, Foreign and Com-monwealth Difice) was present. The Queen received the Bishop of Chalmed the Dische Compared John

Chemsford (the Right Reverend John Perry) who did homage upon his

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President of the Council) administered the Oath. The Right Reverend John Waine

(Clerk of the Closet) was in

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.30

There were present the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Lord Strathelyde (Captain of the Gentlemen-ar-Arms), the Rt Hon Gillian Shephard MP (Secretary of State for Education and Employ-ment) and the Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Lasel MP (Attorney General).

ment) and the Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Lyell MP (Attorney General). The Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish. Sir Henry Brooke, Mr David Curry MP, Mr Donald Dewar MP, Mr Donald Dixon MP and Sir Igor Judge were sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Nigel Nicholls was in atten-dance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

the Council. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chan-

cellor, this morning conferred Honor-ary Degrees at the Honorary Degree Congregation. University af

Congregation. University — Cambridge. His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the City Technology College. Cooks Lane. Kingshurst. Birmi-ingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor). The Duke of Edinburgh. Patron. Outward Bound Trust, this evening attended e Gala Dinner and Ball at the Morowrule Mustum, Coventry

the Motorcycle Museum, Coventry II, West Midlands,

By Command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherati (Mar-shal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Tom upon isen ar 10 Palace Green, Londor Vraalsen at 10 Palace Green, London W8, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Kingdom of Norway to the Court of SI James's.

The Queen was represented by Mr Patrick Holmes Sellors (Surgeon Patrick Hoimes Sellors (Surgeon Oculist to The Queen] at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir Stephen Miller (formerly Surgeon Oculist to The Queen) which was held in All Souls Church, Langham Place. London WI, this afternoon. Princess Alice, Duchess of Glouces-

ter was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey. The Duke and Duchess of Glouces-

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ter were represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland. June 26: The Prince Edward today

arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from New York, United States of America. June 26: The Princess Royal, Patron, Townswomen's Guilds, this morning attended the National Council Meet-ing at Cardiff International Areta.

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Bute Terrace, Cardiff, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieurenant of South Glamorgan Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new wing of Her Maj-esty's Prison and Remand Centre, Knox Road, Cardiff.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HDUSE June 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron, Dover College, this morning received the Headmaster (Mr Martin Wright) and the Heads of School to mark the LSth Anniversary of the College of the Callege

ST JAMES'S PALACE ST JAMES'S PALACE June 26: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Antrim and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (the

Lord D Neilli. Lord D'Neill. His Royal Highness. Vice Presi-dent of the National Trust, saw conservation work in progress and visited the Giant's Causeway. The Prince of Wales later visited a hill farm in the Amrim Glen and met

hill farm in the Amrilio Cieff and Internation members of the local community. His Royal Highness this afternoon visited County Londonderry and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Colonel Sir Michael

McCorkell). The Prince of Wales visited the Recreation and Fishing Centre estab-lished by the local community at Port Neal Lodge, Kilrea, and afterwards opened an entrance to Limavady High School McCorkell).

opened an entrance to Linuxury High School. His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales. Inter visited the 1st Battalion at Ballykelly. The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Reception and a Dinner in HMY Britannia.

KENSINGTON PALACE

KENSINGTON PALACE June 26: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited BIS Company Ltd (Electroplaters and Silversmiths) at 65 Bideford Avenue, Perivale, Greenford, Middleser, The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Royal Survival Ald Society, this

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Royal Surgical Aid Society, this evening presented the Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Archi-tecture and Design of Buildings for Elderly People with Dementia, at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London ECI.

YORK HOUSE June 26: The Duke of Kent, President, noday attended the reopening cere-mony of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, White-

Institute for Deterted Subject, while half, London SWI. His Royal Highness, President, the Football Association, this evening acceled the EURO 96 semi-final acceled the EURO 96 semi-final match, England versus Germany, a Wembley Stadium, Wembley,

Middleser. The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Cancer Retief Macmillan Fund Annual General Meeting, the Barbican Centre, Bar-bican Road, York, North Yorkshire. Middlesen

Today's birthdays

Today's royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, as Presi-dent of the World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, will

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Sir Stephen Miller

of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Stephen Miller, former Surgeon-Oculist to The Queen, held yes-

perday at the Church of All Souls.

Langham Place. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was repre-

sented by Mrs Michael Harvey

and the Duke and Duchess of

and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland. The Rev Richard Bewes and the

Rev John Robson (Chaplain to the Royal Victoria Order and the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy) officiated, Mr Ewan Miller and

King and Queen of Jordan were

represented by the Ambassador of

Jordan. Among those present

A familiar face looks down on Antonia Hynd of

Musselburgh, Scotland, who received her degree at

Durham University yesterday. From the walls of Durham Castle a portrait of her great-great-great

grandfather, Canon Henry Jenkyns, a professor at the university in the 19th century, watched her receive her degree from the chancellor. Sir Peter Ustinov

give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and will give a dinner al St James's Palace at 8.00. The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the National Aids Trust, will visit Mortimer Market Centre, Morti-

mer Market, WCl. at 11.00; will open the Chorleywood Building at the Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, at 3.20; and, as Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will attend

a regatta at the club at 5.35. The Duke of Gloucester will open the refurbished factory of Walkers Snack Foods, Newark Road, Lincoin, at 11.30; will open the new sports hall at Alford John Spendluffe School, Hanby Lane, al 2.15; and will open the new Louth Police Station, Eastfield Road,

Louth, at 3.20. The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the Wimbledon championships at

Luncheons

2.50.

Cariton Chub The Hon William Waldegrave, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Com-mittee of the Cariton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the political commitoee, presided. Mr Giles Chich-ester, MEP, also spoke. Mid Athentic Club

Mid Atlantic Club Mid Atlantic Club Mr Peter Mandelson, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Club bud mathematics at Dartmouth House. held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Alan Lee Williams was in the

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City Liaison Group Lord Weatherill was the guest of honour at a funcheon of the City Liaison Group held yesterday at the Travellers Club. Mr Francis Sitwell presided.

Dinners

Merseyside Lieutenancy To mark the 70th Birthday of The To mark the rom Birmoay of the Queen the Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mr Alan W. Waterworth, and the Deputy Lieuten-ants held a dinner last night at

The Queen was represented by Mr Patrick, Hoimes Sellors, Surgeon-Oculist to The Queen, at a service anis new a uniter ast ingit at Liverpool Town Hall. Woolmen's Company Mr Michael D. Abrahams, Master of Mr Muchael D. Abrahams, Master of the Woolmen's Company, presided at the annual ladies' dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Sir Christopher Bland, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the BBC, and Sir William Goring were the speak-

During the evening the Master presented the company's medal and prize in the City and Cuilds of London Institute Sheep Production Phase II commantions to Mrs Averil Phase II examinations to Mrs Averil Ineson, Among others present were: The Chaliman of the British Apparel Export Award Panel, the Director General of the British Apparel and Textile Confederation, the Masters of the Scriveners', Horoers', Patternmekers', Feltmakers', and Engineers' Companies and the Master of the incorporation of Weavers fullers and Shearmen of Excite and their ladles, omcated, Mr Ewan Miller and Mr Richard Miller, QC, sons, read the lessons, Mr Michael Miller, son, read from the works of William Shakespeare and Mr Michael Sanders paid tribute, The Ving and Chuster of Indan atom

Foundation for Science

and Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Lord Botterworth, Charman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a locture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor Sir Robert May, Professor G.K. Radda and Mr John Parry were the

BY ALAN TOOGOOD. HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT HEAVY scents of sweet peas. ς, carnations, roses and other summer flowers fill the air at the Royal Horticultural Soci-

The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mr and Mrs John Draper, of Loughton, ety's Wisley Flower Show. and Amanda, daughter of Mr and The central attraction of the Mrs David Thomas. of Billencay. show, which opened yesterday, is the National Sweet Pea Society's Competition. The late season has given sweet pea growers B challenge and there was hot competition for the major trophy, the Daily Mail Challenge Cup for 12 vases. It has been won by Ron Condery, of Guildford, Surrey, whose exhibit was also judged best in show. David Manston of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, has won the Clay Cup for the best vase in the show with the cultivar 'Ethel Grace', which has also been judged best vase of lavender coloured sweet peas.

The sweet

smell of

summer

The RHS has awarded sev en gold medals to floral exhibitors. Steven Bailey. of Sway. Hampshire, won his for a brightly coloured display of carnations, pinks and alstro-emerias, and Diana Sewell, of Over, Cambridgeshire. scooped gold for sweet peas. Allwood Brothers, of Has-socks, West Sussex, have won a gold medal for one of their finest displays of carnations. The African Violet Centre, of Terrington St Clement, Norfolk, won their gold medal with Saintpaulias, including the new pale yellow miniature cultivar 'Chantaspring.'

A display of alpines and woodland plants secured a gold medal for Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham Borders, who have included some hardy orchids such as the rich purple Dactvlorrhiza Elata and D. 'Eskimo Nell' with

The gold medal display of hostas from Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk, includes a good selection of small cultivars, such as the

The curious and rare succulent plants from South Africa and Madagascar, staged by Toobees Exotics of Woking, Surrey, well deserve the gold medal as they are difficult to grow. The collection includes many Caudiciforn plants, with grossly swollen stems.

ceous and cottage flowering plants abound. Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, have included the new Oenothera Speciosa 'Siskiyou' with miriad small light

THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 27 1996. Forthcoming

Mr P.R.A. Aisher and Miss J.M.F. Burlton

Byford, Herefordshire.

and Miss A. Thomas

Mr A.J. Houghion

and Miss C. Porro

Florence, Italy.

Mr F.I.L. Orr-Ewing and Miss A.L. Kopsch

Mr D.E. Pooie and Miss R. Matassini

Mr M. Draper

The engagement is announced between Paul, son nf Mr and Mrs

R.B. Aisher, of Penshurst, Kent,

and Julia May, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M.M.F. Burlton, of

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, eldest son of the

late John Houghton and of Mrs

John Houghton, nf Guildford, and

Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Giorgio Porro, of

The engagement is announced between Francis, son of the Hon

Colin Orr-Ewing, of Shalbourne, Wiltshire, and Mrs Dee Orr-Ewing, of London SW3, and Amy,

daughter of Dr and Mrs Hartmut Kopsch. of Dover, Kent.

marriages Senor R. Bagen Escudero and Miss C.J. D'Abreu

The engagement is announced between Ricardo, son of Senor Clemente and Señora Maria Dolores Bagen Escudero, of Barce-lona, and Catherine, daughter of Mr Anthony D'Abreu, of London, and Mrs James Waugh, of Somerset, and granddaughter of Mrs M.A. D'Abreu, of 36 Cumberland* Terrace, Regents Park, NWI.

Mr C.J.B. Simeon and Miss S.C. Youngman The engagement is announced, between Charles, only son of Mr. J.P.B. Simeon. OBE, and Mrs. Simeon, of Harwich, Esser, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.K. Youngman, of Chipstead, Surrey.

Mr R.W.F. Thurstan, RM. and Miss A.S. Keating The engagement is announced Lieutenant Richard between Thurstan, Royal Marines, elder. son of Mr and Mrs G.E.F. Thurstan, of Pentewan, Cornwall, and Alison, daughter of the late Mr M.F. Keating and of Mrs AJ. MeDonough, of Cleveland, Yorkshire.

Marriage

Mr D. Forbes Watt and Miss H.M.O. Hutchison The engagement is announced between Duncan son of Mr and Mrs Edward Poole, of Grange The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June I, at St Columba's Church of Scotland, London, of Mr. David Forbes Watt, of Trastevere; Rome, to Miss Helen Hutchison, of Knightsbridge, London. The Rev Sandy Cairns officiated. A reception was held at the

The bride, who was given away -The bride, who was given away. by her cousin, Mr Roderick, Hutchison, was attended by. Georgina Harker, Celia Pelly and Douglas Marshall. Mr Thomas Milnes Gaskell was best man.

Berkeley and the honeymoun was spent in Skopelos, Greece.

Forces appointments Northwood in rank of Cdre

Staff of FOST Devonport 6.9.96; A D Fisher - Portsmouth 6.12.96; R W 40 CDO RM as CO 15.10.96. COMMANDER: G K Clarke -Fraser - MOD London 11.6.96; G Harshall - Staff of 2SL/CNH 18.6.96: M St C Armitage Bracknell 15.11.96: R R Best -Ocean 22.10.96; D J Bittles: Nelson exchange Australia 28.11.96; D A Humphrey - MOD London' 4.10.96; K W L Keble - Staff of 2SL/CNH 5.11.96; H J Ledingham MOD London 10.1.97; A M 15.11.96: J S C Dodd - Bath 1,10.96; J Massey - Campbeltown in Cmd 11.11.96; K J McKenzie - MOD IS 11.96: JS C LOOU - Barr LIC 94 J P H Fulford - Vengeance (Porr) & IO.96: T J Guy - MOD London 28.96: P R A Jagger - MOD Bath 12.7.96: H J Ledingham - JHQ Salisbury 24.6.96: C J Longbottom - Bristol 18.90: I S MacFarlame -Churle 17.6 C A M Distore - Sultan Bath 9.8.96; R J Steel - Sultan 22,11.96; M W Stenning JSSU Oakley 20.8.96; N L Williams -Sultan 1.10.96. SURGEON COMMANDER: M

Chyde 17.6.96; A M Picton - Sultan 18,10.96; J C Scoles - Dryad 22,11.96; D M Swain - JMOTS Northwood 22,7.96; N J Ward -M Scott - RH Haslar - 2.7.90.

MAJOR-GENERAL Brigadier J P Kiszely MC to be GOC 1(UK) Armd Div In the rank of Major-General, 3.6.96. PJHQ Northwood 30.8.96; C D COLONEL T I Minter to SHAPE.

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Royal Air Force WING COMMANDER: S E Wood - HQPTC 20.5.96; S R Sims-MOD AFD/IFS 20.5.96.

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Memorial service

new 'Just So', whose gold

leaves have a green edge.

Summer flowering herba-

Royal Nevy and Royal Marines 31.10.96; P J Tribe - Excellent as COMMANDER: M B Alabaster MOD London 23.8.96; S J Dyer -

of Mrs Peter Dimmock, of Windlesham Park, Windlesham, Surrey, and Sara Jane. younger daughter of Colonel and Mirs Robert Stewart, of Arndean, Dollar, Scotland.

over Sands, Cumbria, and Raffaella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Augustino Matassini, of Montepulciono, Tuscany, Italy. Mr A.C. Scott and Miss S.J. Stewart The engagement is announced between Anthony Craufurd, only son of the late Mr James Scott and

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PROFESSOR WILLIAM WALSH

William Walsh, Professor of Commonwealth Literature. Leeds University, 1972-84, died on Jone 23 aged 80. He was born on February 23, 1916.

A SCHOLAR of integrity and firmness of mind. William Walsh had read English at Downing College, Cambridge, under F. R. Leavis. But though always holding his mentor in great esteem he was able in his own criticism in embody the Master's intellectual rigour without falling prey to his sometimes strident fanaticism.

A follower of Leavis, he yet never became the stereotypical "Leavisite" one of that intolerant army of academic thought police who made life so trying (and confusing) for undergraduates in English departments in Britain and the Commonwealth for a number of years after Leavis himself had been eased out of Downing in the early 1960s. Thus, on lecture tours abroad, Walsh was always able to be an effective ambassador for the Leavis critical method, without spoiling his assertions with the famous Leavis dogmatism. As a lecturer he was fluent, witty and ironical and, above all, persuasive to a high degree. Walsh drew his strength from the

fact that, unlike Leavis, he was a man of catholic interests and varied abilities. His critical sympathies were broader and more generous, as is evident from the remarkable range of writers he wrote upon - from Coleridge through R.K. Narayan to Patrick White.

He had been responsible for the good early criticism of Commonwealth literature, and was appointed Britain's first Professor of Commonwealth Literature in 1972. He came to this after a spell in the chair of Education at Leeds, held from the young age of 41, and he was also one of the founding directors of Yorkshire TV.

William Walsh graduated from Downing in 1943. Later, acknowledging Leavis's decisive influence on his development, he was to write the first full-scale biography. F. R. Leavis (1980), of his tutor (and later, friend). It was a sympathetic but balanced study. generously ascribing Leavis's later catankerousness to frustrated integrity.

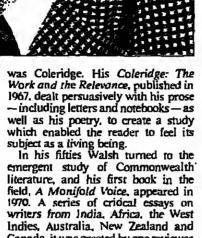
Like many of Leavis's pupils, Walsh turned schoolmaster after graduating, and was senior English master at



from 1945 to 1951, while completing a pan-time MA in education at London University. He then took up a lectureship in education at the University College of North Staffordshire (later Keele University) where he spent two years from 1951 to 1953, before going to Edinburgh, also as a lecturer in education.

In 1957 he was appointed to the chair and permanent headship in the Department of Education at Leeds, which he was to hold until 1972. This was an important tenure. He did much to strengthen the department's academic standing, and facilitated its swift expansion to meet the rapidly growing demand for teachers of that period.

Walsh published vigorously during his time at Leeds. His first book, Use of Imogination (1959), was followed by A Human Idiom (1965) which dealt, in the Leavis tradition, with literature and its place in an educated society. But his central interest during his period in the Department of Education



Canada, it was greeted by one reviewer with what must be the exceedingly rare accolade: "... one rarely nowadays encounters a critic who writes well enough himself to make one accept his right to criocise", In 1970, too, Walsh was appointed Australian Commonwealth Visiting Fellow. He already had

strong links with Canada. His appointment to the newly created chair in Commonwealth Literature in the School of English in 1972 was an imaginative one on the university's

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travel declined they diversified into other more profitable fields, including aviation, ho-tels and finance. Displaying a similar prescience, they got out of British and Commonwealth Shipping before the group got into difficulties, selling their shares just before the 1987 stock market crash.

VERONICA GUERIN

Verenica Goerin, ournalist, was killed in She was born in 1963.

of financial stringency, and a scholar who was advancing the cause of this UNCOMPROMISING in her new subject by a series of books as well as visits to Commonwealth countries. determination to uncover the Among these were his R.K. Narayan (1972) for the British truth, Veronica Guerin was an award winning Irish journal-Council's Writers and their Work ist who put a sharply honed series; V. S. Naipaul (1972); Commoninvestigative mind to work to expose some of the most nefarious criminal networks in Dublin. Writing weekly in the Sunday Independent, she portrayed the capital's underworld, describing its denizens through the use of nicknames - the Monk, the Walrus or the Penguin, for example - to evade libel laws. Chiefly she traced the sordid circles of drug dealing rings, although sometimes her investigations took her into territories overshadowed by the IRA's terror-

> Guerin knew the details of many who felt severely compromised by her knowledge She was a victim of a number of threatening attacks. Two years ago bullets shanered the windows of her cottage at Cloughran. Only a few months later she was wounded in the leg by a lone gunman to whom she had unwittingly opened her door. Another time she was viciously attacked after directly confronting a gangland leader with a barage of hard hitting questions. Yesterday she was gunned

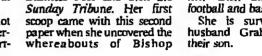
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interests seemed to lie in the political realm. She was an ardent member of Fianna Fail in the early 1980s and when Charles Haughey was leader of the Opposition she worked as a researcher at the New Ireland forum.

Business Post and then the

mer Irish international in football and basketball. She is survived by her husband Graham, and by

their son.



NORMA TEAGARDEN

planist, died in San Francisco on Jone 5 aged 85. She was born in Vernon, Texas, oo April 29, 1911.

NORMA TEAGARDEN was the last survivor of one of the most musical families in jazz history. Her brothers Jack, Charlie and Cubby were all musicians, and her mother, Helen, was a ragtime planist and teacher. Owing to Jack's fame as the most original of

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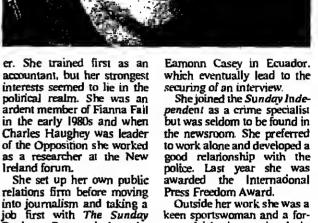
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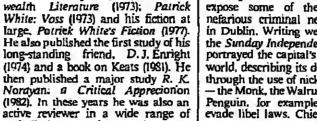
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Indian Literature in English (1990), a book which is regularly cited in bibliographies and student reading He served Leeds University long and ist threat, diligently. From the time of his arrival in 1957 he was an almost permanent member of the Senate, serving at some point on every major committee and many others besides (at one time the

administration reckoned that he was on thirty). On the death while in office, of the Vice-Chancellor, Lord Boyle, he was, though on the point of retirement, called back as acting vice-chancellor

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administrator, who was head of de-

partment for six years during a period

for two years, 1981-83. He could hardly have taken the post at a more critical moment. It was the time of radical changes of thinking, at national level, about the funding and the purposes of universities. Along with other, similar institutions. Leeds had not perhaps realised at that moment just how far-reaching the changes were, or how severe was the consequent reduction in funding. Walsh was able to maintain morale, to keep the university solvent, and to hand over to his successor a tight ship with a healthy, if smaller, complement,

When later he received a richly deserved honorary degree, his present er likened him to Cincinnatus. "Called from the plough to deliver his country from danger, he then laid down his office and returned to the plough." II was a fitting tribute to one who, beneath all his flamboyance, was at

heart a modest man. He is survived by his wife May, and a son and a daughter.

LORD ROTHERWICK On graduating, he joined the family firm and served his

Lord Rotherwick, hipping magnate. died on Jooe II aged 83. He was born on December 5. 1912.

LORD ROTHERWICK received unsought publicity eight years ago when he lost his fight to restrict public access to Wychwood Forest -

offered £25,000, and the matter has been disputed ever

estate, then owned by his 500 acres of ancient woodfamily

since. Lord Rotherwick was to die with it still unresolved. But he had already earned a reputation as a shrewd and perceptive investor and manager of money. He had been born (Herbert) Robin Cayzer on the Lanfines

Scots Greys, Cayzer served in Palestine and the Western Desert as a major - but was invalided home with ear trou-

ous world of the crime report-Norma Teagarden, jazz

playing on record was as a member of her brother's band.



land on his Oxfordshire estate Combury Park. Oxfordshire County Council was granted the right, following a public inquiry, to open a mile-long footpath through the trees in one of the last stretches of the primeval forest which had once covered much of southern England.

Access had previously been allowed only on Palm Sunday. and the change was hailed as a great victory by The Ramblers Association. The aggrieved peer then caused mure controversy by demanding El.6m in compensation. The it was thought he would not

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of life.

Cayzers (originally from Normandy) had moved north from Cornwall before Robin's grandfather had brought them fame and fortune by founding the Clan shipping line in the last century. The first Lord Rotherwick, however, was Robin's father who had become a Conservative MP and been made a peer for political services before the

in Scotland.

last war. Young "Bunny" - his moth-er's nickname for him which stuck throughout his life was such a delicate baby that read classics. county council, taken aback, survive being baptised in

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church. The ceremony was carried out at home with a silver cup acting as the font. For similar reasons, he was held back from Eton for two years. But he outgrew such health problems. He became games captain of his house at Eton and was later an accomplished foxhunter and pointw-point rider. He was also bright enough to win a place

Cayzer worked in Glasgow and Liverpool before moving to the company's London headquarters in 1950. He succeeded his father to the title in 1958 and not long afterwards became deputy chairman of the British and Commonwealth Shipping Company formed by a merger of the Clan Line with Union Castle. The Cayzers (mainly Rotherwick, his youn ger brother and a cousin) had an at Christ Church. Oxford, to enviable gift for keeping

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sor killed.

ble just before his own tank But they continued to run their was blown up and his succesown holding company Caledotuan Investments until six Rejoining the Clan Line, years ago when all three retired in favour of the youn-

ger generation. Lord Rotherwick owned racehorses as a hobby, including the trish Derby among his victories. But he sold out about five years ago, disappointed by his failure to win an English classic and disillusioned by the cut-throat professionalism which, he complained, was turning the sport into a business. Instead he concentrated his attentions on his Ellm Combury Park. whose 6,000 acres he had

bought in 1967 after selling his other estates. Queen Elizabeth I's favourite the Earl of Leicester had died there in 1588 (the bed in which he died is still there) while King Charles II and the Earl of Clarendon had been among its previous owners. Lord Rotherwick was a shy

well-read man with old-fashioned values and who was capable of great charm, though he could not see why the public should be allowed to roam through the woods which he paid to maintain. An active local Conservative he had once been turned down as a parliamentary candidate by Central Office. His wife Sarah-Jane died

after a stroke in 1978, aged 48, and he is survived by their three sons and one daughter. His eldest son succeeds him as the third baron.



The fates yesterday were tess kind to Commander Hillyard and those who had helped him to build the new Lawn Tennis Ground at Wimbledon than their energy and ingenuity deserved. Rain fell almost continually, and there was no play at all on the unprotected courts. But the worst did nor happen. The ground was honoured by a visit from the King and Queen: the King formally

opened the ground, and there was play on the centre court.

although some anxiety was expressed whether the courts, which are soft to the touch, would stand the strain of a formight's play. But most people were optimistic and informed one another in the drizzle that Mile. Lenglen had told them in the strictest confidence that she had never felt better in her life and was going to play after all. It is to be hoped that this information is correct, for the French lady will be, if possible, an even greater "draw" than she

appreciated that they should have shown their

Yet she revealed herself as a magnificent swinging jazz pianist on her West Coast residencies in the 1970s and 1980s and on her 1986 British tour. She was capable of everything from rousing boogie-woogie to the gentle ragtime taught to her as a child by her mother. A recording of her version of Little Rock Getaway, with Jack Teagarden's Orchestra from March 1945 shows she had all the strength

needed to hold her own in a

big band.

went on the road with Jack's Norma Louise Teagarden big band from late 1943 to 1946, making her first records was born in the region called the Texas panhandle. Her father died while she was still for Commodore in December 1944, including Big "T" Blues, in which Jack compliments a child, and eventually she moved with her mother to her on her blues piano Oklahoma City. This was one playing. She endured the band's of the areas where the socalled "territory bands" worked, touring the South and gruelling ionerary, made worse as the US call-up robbed them of players just as West and bringing jazz to a public generally starved of live they had learnt the arrangeentertainment. Like her brothments, and because of her er Jack, who went on the road brother's naive management. She left Jack's group, formed her own band and with territory bands led by pianist Peck Kelley and trumworked in and around Los peter Doc Ross, Norma found Angeles with Dixieland bands work in touring orchestras; like those of Matty Matlock but the first group she worked with in 1929 was based in New and Ben Pollack, until she Mexico, Returning to Oklahowent on the road with Ada ma in the 1930s she ended up Leonard, who led an allleading her own band, garner-ing plenty of experience, but female band, in 1949. Jack's big band had left him debt-ridden. Although he working for tiny wages during the Depression. wiped some of this off, while a

In the early 1940s, the whole member of Louis Armstrong's family moved to Los Angeles. All Stars, he reformed a small and Norma found work in group of his own in the early 1950s primarily to try to settle San Pedro and Long Beach. playing with her own group his debts. Norma joined Jack,

ON THIS DAY

luncheon or early tea, and saw what Captain

Stanley Peach, the architect, had done and

Suddenly there was a stir under the

shadows thrown by the deep roof of the stand.

and it was seen that all the covered part was, in

reality, dense with people. All stood up, a

hidden band struck up the National Anthem.

and the King and Queen, escorted by officials,

decided it was very good.

Jack and Norma Teagarden, 1957

and backing floorshows. She

and again toured and recorded with him, notably in late 1953 when her other brother Charlie played trumpet. The family were reunited one more time on record in 1963, not long before Jack's death, when they recorded at Monterey and their mother also appeared briefly.

Norma left Jack's band, when she married John Friedlander. Marriage almost ended her playing career. although she continued to teach the piano. In 1975 she accepted an offer to play on a jazz cruise, and for over a decade afterwards came out of retirement to work regularly mainly at the Washington Bai and Grill. She recorded in The Netherlands on one European visit and also brought her group, the Marin County Band, to England. She recorded infrequently, and felt that since she did not have to play to live she would only play as long as she enjoyed it. Fortunately for all the admirers of her playing she continued to enjoy it well into the 1990s.

by being present when it was doubtful whether there would be any play for them to see. Then the rain released. At 3.30 the King, who had withdrawn, returned to the Royal Box. He struck three blows on a gong-the ground was open. At once the recters pulled back the iarpaulin-and very neatly they did itand the new Centre Court was revealed. To the eye it looked as smooth as if the green had been poured on molten, and, however it may play in the later stages, yesterday in appearance in was own brother to the old centre Court, and a big brother too.

It was an hour behind the advertised time when Colonel Kingscote and Mr. Godfree came out to play the first match. To Mr. Godfree fell the distinction of serving the first ball; to Colonel Kingscote that of being the first player to hit the net, into which he firmly and respectfully returned that historic service. After that Mr. Godfree made three pairs of faults. This opening game was not a great one-but everyone was too well pleased that it should have been possible to play it at all to be critical. It was won by Colonel Kingscote, as was the first set and the first match.

The court played true: it looked to be very fast, the ball coming straight on from the pitch without the least "hang." At the end of the entered the Royal Box. Their Majesties were most warmly greeted, and it was universally match there were a few brownish footmarks in good will to the New Ground and to the game the velvet pile.

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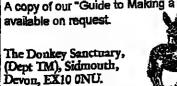




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With play postponed there was the more opportunity for examining the ground and stand, and both came in for high praise, surprisingly large for the weather, took a late

was last year. The great question of Mile, Lengten thus satisfactorily disposed of, the crowd, which,

June 27, 1922 It was a great day for tennis when King George V and Queen Mary came to open what The Times called the New Lawn Tennis Ground at Wimbledon. though smaller than was arranged for, was

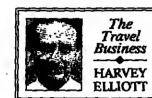
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Bad PR adds to fear of flying

The worried reactions of passengers on being told that their aircraft had developed a number of technical faults proves yet again just how scared people are of flying. Irrational though their

fears may have been, within the past week three groups of British holidaymakers refused to get on board jets which, they had been assured, were serviceable.

Passengers on Excalibur Airways demanded that the airline charter another let to take them to Florida after becoming convinced that the original DCI0 was "jinxed" and the resulting publicity was so bad that last night the airline was forced into liquidation. A group of Virgin



Atlantic passengers equally alarmed when they were delayed for more than 48 hours by a series of faults on their Boeing 747 jumbo jet at San Francisco,

Problems can become exag-gerated with reports of a pilot having "slammed on the brakes" when, in fact, be abandoned a take-off perfectly safely: of jet fuel fumes apparently "choking" passengers; and of oormal condensa-tion drips proving that the fusciage was "leaking".

But they must be properly addressed - and above all they must never be allowed to persuade pilots to ignore technical problems, however minor, in an attempt to prevent a public relations difficulty.

As the summer peak holiday season gets under way mechanical failures are inevitable, especially as charter airlines are using their jets to the maximum. Fortunately pilots carry out intense pre-flight checks and do not take risks with safety. That means that it is some-

times necessary for aircraft to" be delayed so that engineers can investigate the cause of a pilot's uncase or for a part to

Holiday bookings start to pick up

By STEVE KEENAN

sales are still running below HOLIDAY sales in May out-1995 levels, despite fewer holistripped last year's month on days being available. month figures for the first time Cuts of 1.5 million packages this season as families have were made earlier this year by now started booking for the tour operators, but most of summer. Chris Rees, commer-cial manager for Thomas them were to Spain and its Cook, said: "Families are leavislands, where demand is now ing it later to book this year's holiday."

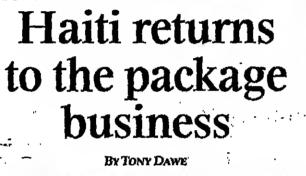
running in line with capacity. Mr Rees said: "After the sluggish start to the season, More than 784,500 package holidays were sold in May, there has been a steady increase in bookings since Easter. If it continues, we compared to 746.270 in the same month last year, according to industry research ana-lysts Stats MR. But overall the would expect Spain to finish on a par with last summer." market is still 10 per cent down year on year. Of the 8.5 million package

The new maturity among tour operators and the resur-gence in appeal of Mediterra-nean package holidays this holidays on sale for this summer, 5.9 million had been sold year has encouraged Thomas by the end of May. Peak-Cook to re-enter the market season holidays are now largeafter an absence of six years. The company will announce ly selling at brochure prices, next week that it has bought package holiday specialist Sunworld, Britain's fifth bigwith cheap deals available mainly for June or early July. The best of the few bargains expected for school holidays gest tour operator, which it

will be to the Greek Islands, will operate alongside its own Cyprus and France, where long-haul brochures, TOP SE LEOS FOR SUMMED TOP

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8 France		2
7 Italy		+
6 Florida		2
5 Turkey	455,000	+



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THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 27 1996



Now that flights have resumed to Croatia, Dubrovnik, one of Europe's most handsome cities, hopes to win back the tourists

Croatia back on the tourist map

CROATIA'S struggling tourist industry has received an important fillip from the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). A loan of more than £20 million will help finance the upgrading of hotels, marinas,

camp sites and other facilities. Marc Moguli of the EBRD explained: "Though direct war damage was limited, the use of hotels to house refugees has left these facilities in desperate need of repair. The loan signals to the international markets that Croatian tourism is open for business."

With charter flights from UK airports now serving Pula, Split and Dubrovnik,

BY MARTIN SYMINGTON

10,000 British holidaymakers are expected to visit Croatia on inclusive package holidays this year, according to Jose Lozic of the Croatia National Tourist Office in London. However, the road back to the pre-war days when up to half a million Britons a year basked on Yugoslav beaches, the great majority in

present-day Croatia, looks a long one. Mr Lozic said "Croatia desperately needs investment after four years of total stagnation. Tourism is crucially important to the country, so this loan is very welcome, although we hope it will be

expanded. The problem is that negative

The majority of holidaymakers in Croatia are Germans, Austrians and Italians who drive to resorts such as Porec in the corth of the country. Further south, the historic city of Dubrovnik is far more dependent on the air charters, and hence the British market.

Specialist operator Phoenix Holidays is the only UK company offering a full range of Croatian resorts, but unconfirmed reports in the travel trade suggest that leading operators are set to include Croatia in their 1997 brochures.

perceptions linger, and the return of the British is proving to be slow."

Colonel to the rescue

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TWO contrasting expeditions -later this year, both being led by John Blashford-Snell, the explorer and retired Army. colonel, are seeking eco-touration Society is organising the missions to help a native tribe living on the border of Guyana and Brazil, and to develop tourism at a famous site 9,000ft up an Ethiopian olateau

Col Blashford-Snell still needs more expert helpers for the expedition, which leaves Britain on August 17.

The mission to Ethiopia in October to provide an ecotourism guide to the Magdala area, scene of a battle between-Britain and Abyssinia in 1868. also needs more helpers. • Scientific Exploration Society, Expedition Base, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9PB.

From Russia.

THE RUSSIANS are developing a taste for foreign travel and within the past five years have become some of Europe's most prolific holidaymakers A new survey by European. Travel Monitor of Munich shows that travellers from Russia, the Ukraine and Belorussia last year took 33 million trips abroad, about the same number as those from France . and The Netherlands.

Quick visa

FROM October, travellers from the UK will be able toreceive an Australian visa instantly when they book their flights. Visa stamps are to be replaced by an electronic system working through trav-el agents and airlines.

Bye bye boards

Easy money?

TRAVELLERS cheques are

new brainwave, the holiday-

credit card. The Royal Bank of

Scotland has launched a pilot

about to be challen

ONE of England's 11 remaining regional tourist boards is to be dissolved, and its duties shared by two neighbouring boards. The East Midlands region is to be divided betweenthe existing East Anglia and Heart of England boards. The move is intended to reduce bureaucracy and save money; after government funding, cuts. But holidaymakers may find local information harder: toobtain. And hotels and tourist attractions may refuse to-support the new-look regional C DC DD TO

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be replaced.

Generally the bigger the airline the more able it will be to minimise any such delays by juggling its flect and crews to provide replacements, or by leasing a spare aircraft.

C mall airlines rarely have such spare capacity. Often their entire fleet is dispersed over thou-sands of miles. But this does not mean they are intrinsically any less safe or more prone to mechanical defects than their bigger rival. Their fleets are maintained by the same engineers in the same hangars as the bigger airlines. And they are all watched over by inspectors from the Civil Aviation Authority.

The real potential for trouble comes when marketing men try to avoid having to explain to angry passengers why they are being delayed. Ideally. perhaps, there should always be a spare

aircraft ready to operate services which might have run into technical difficulties. But economically that is unrealistic. Instead passengers must try to be patient.

When travelling by air it must surely be a better thing to arrive than to travel hopefully.

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for so long with "Papa Doc" consumers. We are including Duvalier and his feared the country in our seminars Tontons Macoutes, is back on and educational presentations the tourism beat. Within four months of being democratically elected as head

of state, President René Préval has met officials of the Caribbean tourism and hotel organisations and a tourism master plan has been drawn up. Large hotels in and around

Port-au-Prince, the capital, are fit and ready to take visitors. having been kept in business by UN officials and aid workarated from Haiti by a mountain range, has boomed. Haiti ers in recent months. Smaller hotels and a Club has the largest inventory of Méditerranée are gearing up, and American Airlines is keen hotel rooms in the Caribbean and offers mostly beach and resort holidays to package tourists from North America, to help to enlarge facilities at the main airport. "The meetings with Presi-

Germany, Italy and, increasdent Preval were among the ingly, Britain. The Caribbean tourist most productive conferences we have ever had with govern-ment officials," John Bell, viceboard is concentrating on showing off Haiti's culture. president of the Caribbean history and arts and crafts. "Even from a geographical point of view, it is unique," Mr Hotels Association, said. "It is also encouraging to see Haiti's public and private tourism sectors working together on Youngman said. "If you head north from Port-au-Prince by road, you pass through vil-lages reminiscent of West the implementation of the Michael Youngman, the Africa and then across a plain where the water buffaloes and

marketing director of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation, said: "We have started carrying information about Haiti again in literature discharm.

tourism plan."

and our public relations programme on both sides of the Atlantic will include Haiti. We EURO DISNEY is planning are bringing the country out into the light again." The country attracted more than 200,000 tourists, mostly from the United States, ten years ago, but the numbers have fallen dramatically during the years of troubles while the Dominican Republic, septhe nearby university.

Disney has already started development work on the new town, to be called Val d'Europe, and is making presentations to business investors to finance the scheme. The projected cost of Val d'Europe, scheduled to open its first phase by 2000, is about five billion francs (E640 million) but because of its fragile

rice paddies remind you of Asia, while the mountains in the north have an Andean

Disneyland : Paris expansion

Disney goes to town

Themed marketing as

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

financial state. Euro Disney is rito million (£13 million). Philippe Bourguignon. chairman of Euro Distrey, says the new town "will be an important feature of the future davelocument of the section and to develop a new town on the edge of its Disneyland Paris theme park resort which will contain houses and flats for at least 1,500 residents, a giant shopping mall, offices, a busidevelopment of the region and ness park and a campus for the success of the theme park

resort in the next century Val d'Europe is similar in concept to the new town called Celebration which Disney is building close to its theme park in Florida. Celebration, on 5,000 acres of land, is eventually planned to have a population of 20,000 when the final phases are completed in 2016. It has been criticised,

however, for adopting too strict criteria for potential residents, who will have to conform to the Disney image. Euro Disney is not saying at present whether or not its residents at Val d'Europe will have to adhere to certain standards before being allowed to buy or rent property. Its investment literature talks only of creating "a positive tension between the resort

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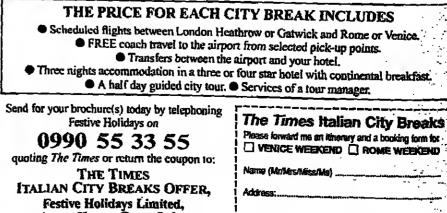
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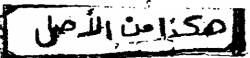
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Bargains of the week — from a holiday tracking crocodiles in South Africa to a short break in Normandy

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FERRIES HOLIDAYS HOTELS FLIGHTS **BRITTANY** Ferries this week A TURKISH adventure trip until the end of September. BRITISH Airways' latest se-THE Stafford Hotel in central E39.50 per person for two launched three-day "value leaving on Monday for Istangiving savings of up to £70 per London reopened this week nights. Price includes buffet ries of world offers covers plus" crossings to France from bul, remote villages. historic person per week, have been atter a major refurbishment. breakfast and a canal trip peak-season flights in July 145 for a car and up to five sites, caves and snorkelling is announced by Cadogan Holipeople. The fares can be around Amsterdam. Details: and/or August Examples: Berlin £99, Geneva £89, Ma-The hotel has a reopening rate available for £800 per person of £163 plus VAT per room days. Details: 01703 332661. 0181-908 3348. mabined with hotel vouchers including return flights and until September 7. Details: costing £15.50 per person. 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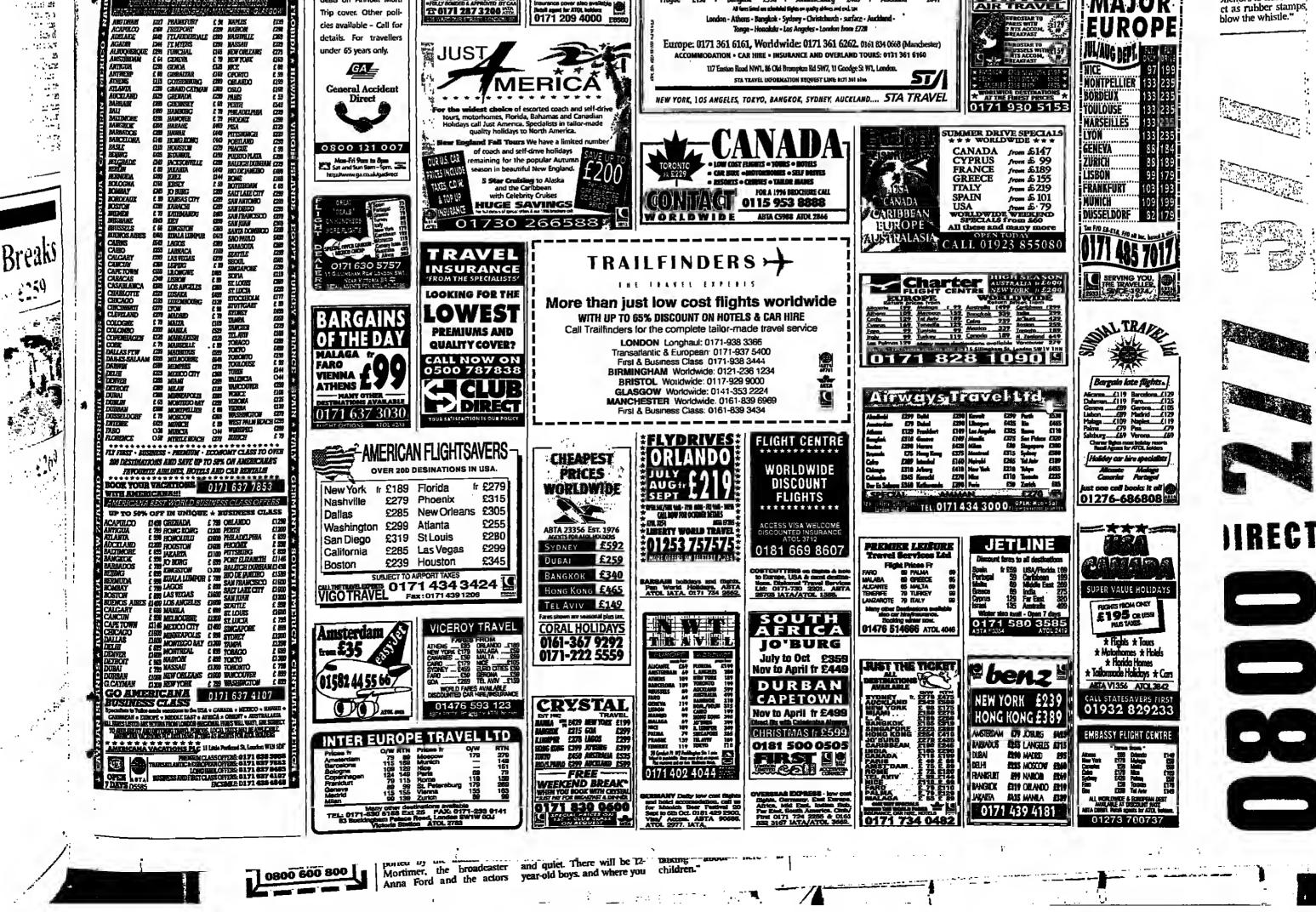
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Tory support hits three-year peak

England's Euro 96 victory over Spain last Saturday was followed by a sharp rise in support for the Conservatives to the highest level for more than three years, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll, undertaken over last weekend, puts the Tories on 31 per cent, up four points on last month. Labour has slipped two ... Page 1 points to 52 per cent ...

All quiet on the West End front

England's rush-hour streets and railway stations emptied into pubs and living rooms last night as an estimated 20 million viewers gathered in front of their televisions to watch the Euro 96 semi-final. By 7.30pm, a relative calm descended on the main thoroughfares of London, punctuated by shouts and cheers from pubs packed with workers Page 1

Journalist killed

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An Irish woman journalist investigating drug barons was killed in a gangland-style execution. Veronica Guerin, 33, was an awardwinning reporter Pages I. Z. 21

£1.75m reward

Saudi Arabia offered an unprecedented reward of £1.75 million for information leading to the capture of terrorists responsible for the lorry bomb Pages 1, 12, 13

Labour shift

In a dramatic shift in Labour's current policy on devolution, the party will pledge today to let the people decide if they want a Scottish Parliament and if it should have tax-raising powers __Page 2

Portillo's dilemma

Michael Portillo was facing one of his toughest challenges since becoming Defence Secretary as he tried to persuade sceptical Tory backbenchers to support his plan to sell off 60,000 servicePage 2 married quarters

Family's outrage

The family of a rookie police officer whose career was cut short by a Jamaican gunman, was outraged that his killer was found

Tube strike

London commuters face disruption today as striking Underground train drivers threaten to standstill___

French dig up old bones in beef war

The French press has uncovered a report by Victor Hugo, the 19th-century author, describing how Britain used human and animal remains from Napoleonic battlefields to nourish its cattle. Le Canard Enchainé. declared: "If English cattle have turned mad, the cause is historical; the cows were nourished on

of Britain is poorer than the rest of the European Union. Only the South-East and East Anglia are better offPage 7 **Doctors' fears**

records of patients stored on a NHS computer network could be obtained by insurance companies and employers because security is .Page S so lax

Veterans' claim

Poorer cousin

After a 16-year campaign, 14.000 PoWs who claim they lost pay during the Second World War have won a fresh review of their cases. They believe they are owed as much as E90 million - Page 9

Arab anger

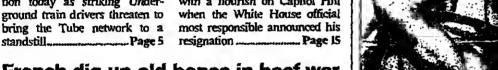
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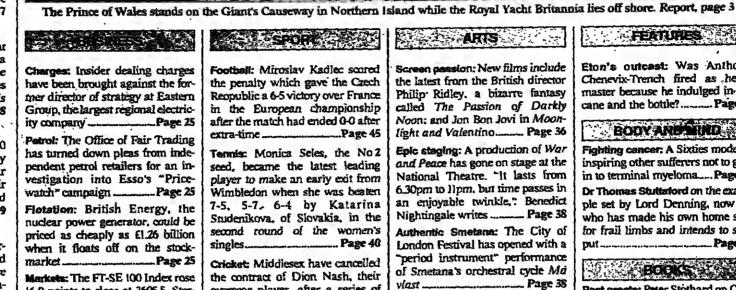
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Unlike many Russian generals who have made a fortune, General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's new security chief, is seen as an honest -Page 12

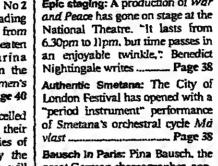
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The common enemy

This atrocity should assist the American drive to convince Arab governments' and security forces that terrorism is their common .Page 19 enemy ...

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG South Africa probably now has the highest unemployment of any substantial country. The European Union is one of the world's highunemployment regions, with average levels above 10 per cent. South Africa's is three times as high; even. this alarming level is rising sharply. Obviously, the great majority of the unemployed are black. Page 18

MAGNUS LINKLATER

Tony Blair's change of heart about devolution will be seen less as a robust response to John Major's line than as a way of appeasing the "devo-sceptics" in Mr Blair's own Page 18 ranks.

JOHN BRYANT

Forget the grey shirts - the real problem of Euro 96 is the yellow cards. The referees have been handing them out like souvenus; and far from improving the tournament, they have been getting in the way of what the crowds have come

Professor William Walsh, Professor of Commonwealth Literature, Leeds University; Veronica Guerin, journalist; Lord Rotherwick. shipping magnate: Norma Teagarden, jazz pianist Page 21

President of the Royal College of Surgeons on nurses taking up the

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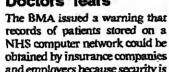
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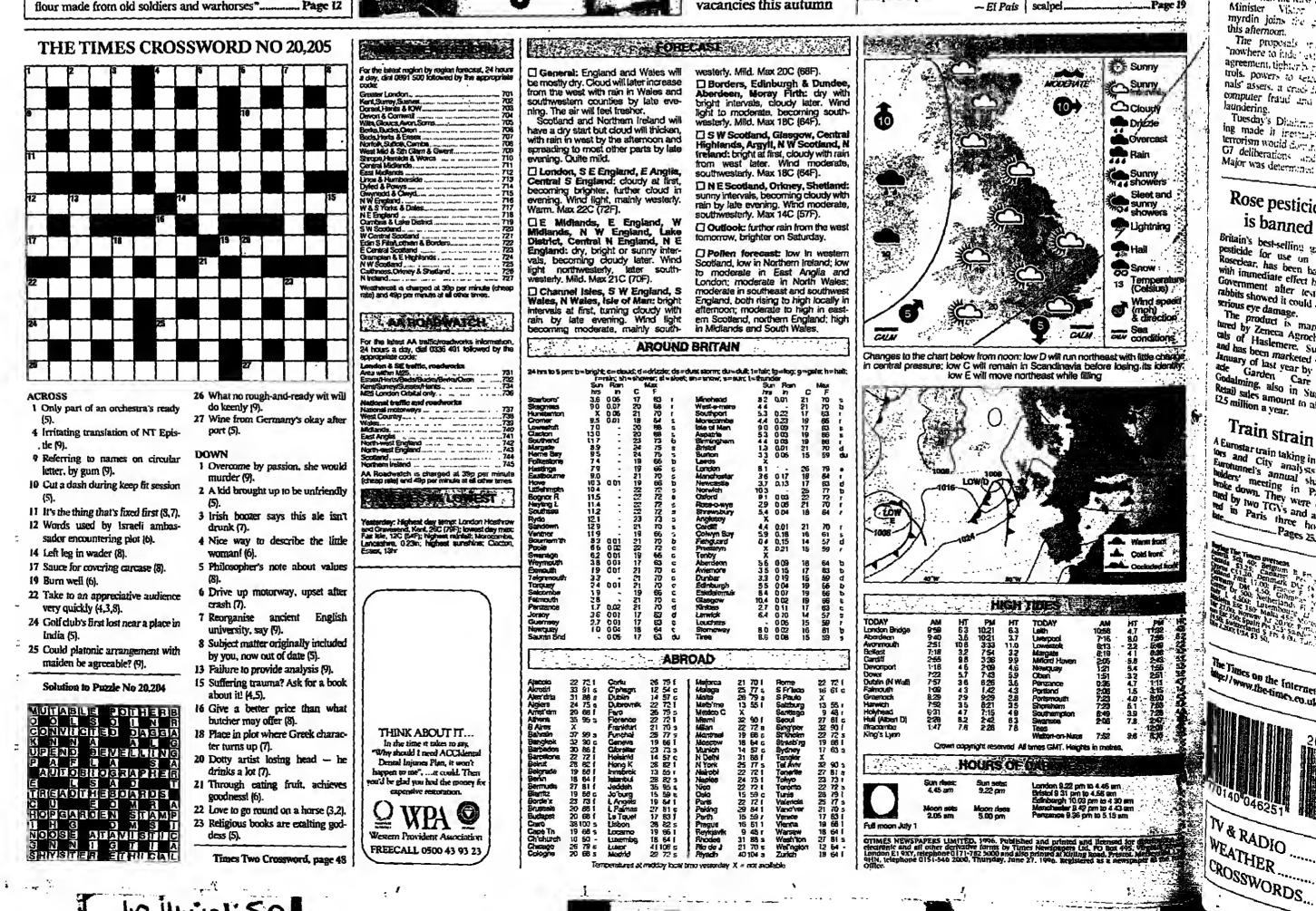
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